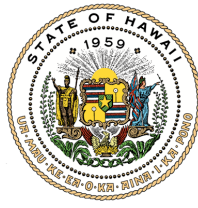


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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2458, HOUSE DRAFT 1, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Before the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Thursday, April 4, 2024; 10:00 a.m.

State Capitol Conference Room 016, Via Videoconference

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) **strongly supports**, House Bill 2458, House Draft 1.

This bill clarifies that the Director of Law Enforcement has authority to issue subpoenas as part of the investigative powers of the department.

Act 67, Session Laws of Hawai'i, 2023, established the DLE to consolidate and administer state criminal law enforcement and investigations responsibilities of various state law enforcement agencies. The Director of Law Enforcement currently has subpoena powers for purpose of investigations under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, (§329-69, HRS), but this bill is necessary to clarify that the Director's subpoena powers extend to other investigations conducted by the DLE.

The subpoena powers addressed by this bill do not eliminate the need for a search warrant in criminal investigations. However, the subpoena powers contemplated by this bill are necessary to competently conduct investigations and are similar to the investigative powers currently given to other officials and agencies in Hawai'i, some of which include: the Attorney General (§§28-2.5(b), 467B-9.3, 480-18 HRS), Crime Victim Compensation Commission (§351-13, HRS), Department of Agriculture (§§159-8, 486-23, HRS), Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (§487-9, HRS), Director

of Labor and Industrial Relations (§§371-6, 386-86, 387-10, HRS), Director of Taxation (§231-7(c), HRS), Elections Commission (§11-401, HRS), Insurance Commissioner (§431:11-107), Legislative Auditor (§23-5, HRS), Liquor Commission (§281-21, HRS), Various boards and commissions (§92-16, HRS), and even the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House (§21-8, HRS).

This bill is needed to clarify that the Director of Law Enforcement also has the necessary subpoena powers to conduct investigations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

I believe this bill can lead to extensive abuse of power. I oppose this bill