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Testimony of  
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WAYS AND MEANS

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In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 70, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Senate Bill 70, Senate Draft 1 proposes to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to pursue and obtain accreditation for the Conservation and Resources Enforcement Program from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. and appropriates funding. **The Department supports this bill with a proposed amendment, and provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request, and that sufficient additional funds are provided.**

In 2009, the Department's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) participated in the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) formal accreditation process. The past effort was stymied by the amount of funding needed to implement the standards, and frustration encountered with consultation of new policies with the employee union. Due to these issues, continuing the accreditation effort was not feasible.

The Department is open to participating in the CALEA accreditation process. Participation will require appropriate amounts of additional funding needed for equipment purchases, training and possibly for capital improvements to DOCARE facilities to meet CALEA's standards. Additional annual funding will also be needed to maintain formal participation and affiliation with CALEA.

Lastly, the Department is concerned with the language of the bill which provides DOCARE should attain accreditation by June 30, 2025. Given the potential volume of policies which may need to be drafted and consulted upon with the employee union, as well as the procurement of equipment and

services to implement the CALEA standards and policies, this deadline may not be realistic. The Department recommends a minimum of five years be considered as a realistic timeframe to provide the time the Department believes is needed to attain CALEA's accreditation. The Department therefore recommends that Section 2 of the measure be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2. No later than June 30, [~~2025;~~ 2029], the Department of Land and Natural Resources shall pursue and obtain accreditation for the conservation and resources enforcement program from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

Mahalo for the opportunity to present testimony in support of this measure with a proposed amendment.

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I stand in support. Mahalo