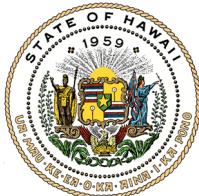


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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2723
RELATING TO STATE SHERIFFS DAY
Before the Senate Committee on
PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS, WATER, LAND, CULTURE, AND THE
ARTS
Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 3:01 PM
State Capitol Conference Room 016
WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chairs Fukunaga and Lee, Vice Chairs Lee and Inouye, and members of the Committees:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) supports Senate Bill 2723, which establishes April 27 of each year as State Sheriffs Day to commemorate the establishment of the Office of the Marshal of the Kingdom of Hawai'i in 1846.

This bill recognizes the profound historical significance of law enforcement in Hawai'i, particularly the establishment of the Office of the Marshal of the Kingdom of Hawai'i in 1846 under King Kamehameha III. This milestone represents the origins of modern law enforcement in our state and directly connects to the present-day Sheriff Division within the Department of Law Enforcement.

The DLE recognizes that our law enforcement history in Hawai'i extends back almost two hundred years, with the establishment of the Marshal of the Kingdom as one of the oldest formal law enforcement agencies in America. When King Kamehameha III

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established the Marshal's office in 1846, it predated most formal law enforcement agencies in the United States. These rich legacy forms the foundation upon which the current Sheriff Division stands.

The establishment of State Sheriffs Day provides an important opportunity to honor this heritage and educate the public about the historical continuity of law enforcement in Hawai'i from the Kingdom era to the present day. The DLE has preserved this legacy by maintaining the titles of Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff and by using the traditional 7-point Berkley Star sheriff badge.

Designating April 27 as State Sheriffs Day aligns with the DLE's commitment to honor our history while continuing to fulfill our mission of protecting the people of Hawai'i. This commemoration will not only recognize the contributions of those who have served but also strengthen the connection between our past and present law enforcement efforts.

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



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The Thirty-Third Legislature, State of Hawaii
The Senate
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

February 4, 2026

S.B 2723 – RELATING TO STATE SHERIFFS DAY

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO, supports S.B. 2723, which designates April 27 of each year as State Sheriffs' Day in recognition of the historic and ongoing contributions of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in Hawai'i.

Sheriffs have played a vital role in maintaining public safety and the rule of law in Hawai'i for more than 180 years, with roots dating back to the Kingdom of Hawai'i. This measure appropriately acknowledges the unique history of the sheriff's office and honors the dedicated service of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who continue to serve our courts, communities, and the people of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 2723

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Perreira".

Randy Perreira
Executive Director

SB-2723

Submitted on: 1/30/2026 7:18:31 PM
Testimony for PSM on 2/4/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry Support

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Submitted on: 2/2/2026 12:25:00 PM
Testimony for PSM on 2/4/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lt Michael Oakland	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Lee, Chair Lee and Vice Chair Inouye:

I am Lt. Michael Oakland, and I stand in STRONG SUPPORT of this measure on our 180th year (like HFD). Please consider supporting this milestone but also so that generations to come will also be able to remember all those that have served (like Duke Kahanamoku) and will serve the people of Hawai‘i being one of the oldest organizations in Hawai‘i which also has more special meaning in that we are one of two state sheriff agencies in the US and the ONLY Sheriff's agency to have been created by a monarch since our creation via the Marshall of Hawai‘i in 1846 by King Kamehameha III.

I am always available to meet and answer any questions or concerns if you need.

Me ke aloha pumeahana,

Lt. Michael Oakland

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Submitted on: 2/2/2026 3:16:50 PM
Testimony for PSM on 2/4/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Blair Wulfert	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2026 5:18:27 AM
Testimony for PSM on 2/4/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Koa Dobrowolsky	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Subject: Support for SB2723 – State Sheriff’s Day

Chairs Fukunaga and Lee, Vice Chairs Lee and Inouye, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB 2723, which seeks to recognize and celebrate the historical significance and enduring contributions of the Hawai‘i State Sheriff throughout the evolution of Hawai‘i’s criminal justice system.

The Hawai‘i State Sheriff is the only surviving law enforcement entity established by royal order, uniquely connecting it to the people of Hawai‘i and our proud island heritage. It is also the only law enforcement agency in the United States that traces its creation to a King—a distinction that sets it apart and warrants recognition. The passage of this measure represents an important step in honoring Hawai‘i’s culture and historical uniqueness.

From its origins to the present day, it has been the kuleana of the Sheriff and deputy sheriffs—past, present, and future—to serve the people of Hawai‘i while upholding the pride, integrity, and impartiality demanded by King Kamehameha III.

Supporting SB 2723 is a meaningful, zero-cost gesture that acknowledges the men and women who have worn the seven-point star and have enforced the laws of the Kingdom, the Territory, and the State of Hawai‘i with honor and dedication.

Sincerely,

Lanikoa Dobrowolsky

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Submitted on: 2/3/2026 6:21:21 AM
Testimony for PSM on 2/4/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James McKay	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2026 6:26:03 AM
Testimony for PSM on 2/4/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Edward Trevino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in full support of this bill! The Sheriffs do so much for the community. They are small but do so much to keep the community and the people of Hawaii safe.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2026 6:51:42 AM
Testimony for PSM on 2/4/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deven English	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong support of this bill. Mahalo

SB-2723

Submitted on: 2/3/2026 7:42:25 AM
Testimony for PSM on 2/4/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeremy G Dowling	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the above bill.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2026 8:24:50 AM
Testimony for PSM on 2/4/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristan Krohnert	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill

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Submitted on: 2/3/2026 9:18:58 AM
Testimony for PSM on 2/4/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicholas Pregill	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2026 11:01:35 AM
Testimony for PSM on 2/4/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Greg Mayo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill

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Submitted on: 2/3/2026 11:07:18 AM
Testimony for PSM on 2/4/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rollin Canon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I truely support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2026 11:44:13 AM
Testimony for PSM on 2/4/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Ray	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong support

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Submitted on: 2/3/2026 2:53:56 PM
Testimony for PSM on 2/4/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christopher Selga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in full support of this Bill.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2026 4:39:51 PM
Testimony for PSM on 2/4/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christopher Lee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/4/2026 1:11:28 AM
Testimony for PSM on 2/4/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle R Stefanik	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this Bill. Our Sheriff's deserve recognition.

LATE

SB-2723

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 11:57:54 AM
Testimony for PSM on 2/4/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly urge the committee to pass this measure SB2723 for the good of all Hawaii.

Mahalo