

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2145

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 09 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2723

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety and Military Affairs and Water, Land, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 2723 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE SHERIFFS DAY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish April 27 of each year as State Sheriffs Day to commemorate the establishment of the Office of the Marshal of the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1846.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and seventeen individuals.

Your Committees find that the Office of the Sheriff traces its origins to the Office of the Marshal of the Kingdom of Hawaii, which was founded on April 27, 1846. Sheriffs have served a critical role in Hawaii law enforcement for more than one hundred eighty years. Despite governmental transitions, such as the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii, the creation of the Territory of Hawaii, and statehood, the essential functions and legacy of the sheriff's office have endured.

Your Committees further find that the Office of the Sherriff was recently transferred to the Department of Law Enforcement



pursuant to Act 278, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022. As a component of the Department of Law Enforcement, the Office of the Sheriff continues to play a vital role maintaining public safety, supporting the rule of law, and providing a law enforcement presence to all courts in the Judiciary. Accordingly, this measure formally recognizes April 27 of each year as State Sheriffs Day in commemoration of the establishment of the Office of the Marshal and island sheriffs in 1846.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety and Military Affairs and Water, Land, Culture and the Arts that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2723 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Public Safety and
Military Affairs and Water,
Land, Culture and the Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2723	Committee Referral: PSM/WLA	Date: 2/4/26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	✕			
LEE, Chris (VC)	✕			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✕			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	✕			
DECORTE, Samantha	✕			
TOTAL	5			✕
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted a				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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***Only one measure per Record of Votes**

