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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2723, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO STATE SHERIFFS DAY
Before the House Committee on
JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Thursday, March 19, 2026, 2:00 PM
State Capitol Conference Room 325
WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) supports SB 2723, HD 1. This bill establishes April 27 of each year as State Sheriffs Day in Hawaii to commemorate the establishment of the Office of the Marshal of the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1846, and to honor the historic legacy and ongoing contributions of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs throughout the state.

DLE supports this measure as it provides well-deserved recognition to the men and women of the Sheriff Division who have served the State of Hawaii with dedication, professionalism, and distinction. The Sheriff Division is one of the oldest law enforcement institutions in the nation, with roots tracing back to the establishment of the Office of the Marshal of the Kingdom of Hawaii on April 27, 1846. This proud legacy spans nearly two centuries of public service, and it is entirely fitting that the Legislature formally recognizes this milestone by designating an annual day of commemoration.

Recognizing April 27 as State Sheriffs Day also serves an important public awareness function. It provides an opportunity for the broader community to learn about the vital role that sheriffs and deputy sheriffs play in maintaining public safety and upholding the rule of law in Hawaii. This recognition can help foster greater public trust, appreciation, and understanding of the Sheriff Division's mission and its place within Hawaii's law enforcement landscape.

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

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House of Representatives
33rd Legislature, State of Hawai`i

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Dear Committee leadership and members,

Re: **SUPPORT FOR SB2723, HD1 RELATING TO STATE SHERIFFS DAY**

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2026
TIME: 2:00 pm
PLACE: Conference Room 325& Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

This bill proposes to formally recognize April 27 of each year as State Sheriffs Day, in commemoration of the establishment of the Office of the Marshal and island sheriffs under King Kamehameha III on April 27, 1846, and to honor the historic and ongoing contributions of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in the State.

I write with hearty support for this action. Legislative findings supporting the bill include that sheriffs provide a law enforcement presence to all courts in the state judiciary. But it is not a mere “presence”. It is a courteous, respectful, and calm presence that I have observed in both Kona and Hilo courts as consistently shown to litigants, attorneys, judges, Judiciary staff, police, and the public.

What this final-stop Honorable committee needs to do is change the effective date to upon approval, pass it, and expedite the final readings to enable Gov. Green’s signature on this before April 27, 2026!

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony. Aloha.

/s/ Georgette A. Yaindl
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