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DEPT. COMM. NO. 103

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker and Members of the House
Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki and Members of the Legislature:

By way of background on July 14, 2017, Governor David Y. Ige, under Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Section 76-11.6 approved and authorized a five (5) year Special Project (DIR1.11265) to create and establish the Office of Security and Law Enforcement reporting to the Director of the Department of Transportation (Department) effective August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2022.

The mission of this office is to oversee, manage and direct operations to provide a safe and secure environment for the travelling public consistent with existing Federal statutes. This office will design, coordinate and oversee/manage/administer the department's Airports, Harbors and Highways division law enforcement and security requirements and to resolve existing oversight, contractual and staffing issues. Under this office a unified command structure will provide the Department with command and control of law enforcement and security to promote the freedom of movement for people and commerce at all of the Department's critical infrastructures and systems.

The office will initially be comprised of management and administrative support staff and its immediate task is to transfer the 57 Deputy Sheriffs and two (2) administrative staff positions assigned to the Airport Sheriffs Detail (ASD) at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport (HNL) from the Department of Public Safety (PSD) to the Department. This will be accomplished through PSD's supplemental budget bill which will relinquish, detach, and transfer the 59 "U" funded positions to the Department.

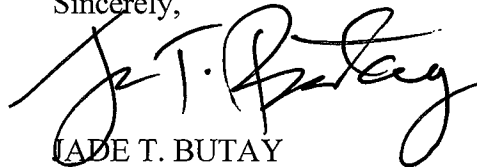
Congruent with the acceptance of the 59 positions, the Department has submitted TRN-06 (18) which will provide the Director of the Department with statutory law enforcement and security authority consistent with the existing law enforcement and security authority possessed by the PSD Director. This statutory law enforcement and security authority will allow the Department to resolve oversight, contractual and staffing issues under one program office with a unified command structure.

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For your information and consideration, enclosed is the First Report to the Legislature on the progress made thus far to establish this office. In addition, we have included the establishment of this office as a new initiative in our report of Government Operations in Act 100 (09) dated December 1, 2017.

In accordance with HRS 93-16, I am also informing you that this report may be viewed electronically at: <http://hidot.hawaii.gov/library/reports/reports-to-the-legislature/>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wade T. Butay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wade" being the most prominent.

WADE T. BUTAY
Interim Director of Transportation

Enclosure