December 5, 2018

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

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

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

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Instance Of Usage Of Electric Guns report, as required by Section 134-16(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). In accordance with Section 93-16, HRS, a copy of this report has been transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau and the report may be viewed electronically at http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/reports/.

Sincerely,

SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson

Enclosure
INSTANCE
OF USAGE OF ELECTRIC GUNS

Prepared by:
Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement
Department of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii

In response to:
Section 134-16(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes

Honolulu, Hawaii
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INSTANCE OF USAGE OF ELECTRIC GUNS

This report is submitted in accordance with Section 134-16(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes, regarding the maintenance of records and instance of usage of electric guns.

Act 148, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, authorized the Department of Land and Natural Resources’ Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) the ability to possess electric guns while continuing efforts toward accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies by June 30, 2018.

DOCARE continues to train Enforcement Officers in the use of the Taser Conductive Electric Weapons. DOCARE is also providing training to keep the Division’s Taser Instructor qualifications current. Inspection of the taser equipment by the Instructor staff has discovered technical issues relating to battery life and firmware updates. DOCARE is working to resolve these issues to ensure readiness of the equipment when fielded. DOCARE expects to issue and field the weapons to its officers as soon as these technical issues are resolved.

Consequently, the Department of Land and Natural Resources reports no instances of the use of electric guns.