



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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HB 1129 HD1 – RELATING TO SPECIAL DUTY FOR DEPUTY SHERIFFS

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of HB 1129 HD1, Relating to Special Duty for Deputy Sheriffs.

The University of Hawai'i ("University") supports HB 1129 HD1 which proposes to statutorily authorize what is commonly known as "special duty" service, wherein deputy sheriffs serve the community by providing off-duty law enforcement services for monetary compensation to persons, organizations, and government entities other than the State Department of Public Safety.

Deputy sheriffs have provided this service for the last few years at Les Murakami Stadium. Special duty deputy sheriffs provide a necessary law enforcement presence and ensure the safety of everyone at the stadium. The deputy sheriffs have replaced the presence of county police officers at these events. Deputy sheriffs have also provided valuable special duty services at large events on the University's Mānoa campus.

Based on the foregoing, the University supports HB 1129 HD1.