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STATE OF HAWAII  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS  
ON  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2715, H.D. 1

March 14, 2006

RELATING TO POLICE OFFICERS

This bill creates an annual allowance to each police officer for the maintenance of the police officer's uniform, equipment and weapon. An unspecified amount is appropriated to each county to assist in providing this allowance.

We oppose this bill.

First, these types of allowances are subject to collective bargaining. Since July 1, 1994, such allowances have been subsumed into a Standard of Conduct Differential provided to each police officer. Currently, police officers at salary range PO-08 and below receive a Standard of Conduct Differential of \$138.68 monthly, while police officers at salary range PO-09 and above receive a Standard of Conduct Differential of \$173.34 monthly. The Standard of Conduct Differential is subject to negotiations.

Second, police services are a county function. The respective counties have their own revenue sources to support these county activities.