



**TESTIMONY OF THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2006**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

H.B. NO. 2715, H.D. 1, RELATING TO POLICE OFFICERS.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 14, 2006 **TIME:** 2:45 PM

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Conference Room 225

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**TESTIFIER(S):** Attorney General, Mark J. Bennett  
or Dana Viola, Special Assistant to the Attorney General

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Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General supports this bill. It is important to do everything possible to assist the counties in helping to retain qualified police officers. This bill, while a small step, will assist in that process. It will also constitute a recognition by the State of the crucial role police officers who work for the counties play in making Hawaii a safer, and thus ultimately a better place for all of our citizens.