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RE: S.B. 2532 - RELATING TO FIREARMS.

Chair Ige and members of the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, the County of Kauai Office of the Prosecuting Attorney submits the following testimony in support of Senate Bill 2532.

The purpose of this bill is to exempt retired law enforcement officers from Hawaii Revised Statutes Sections 134-6 through 134-9.

This amendment will mirror current federal law. We would, however, request the following amendment to subsection (a) (1) of HRS § 134-11:

(1) To state and county law enforcement officers or a retired law enforcement officer; provided that such persons are not convicted of an offense involving abuse of a family [or] household member under section 709-906; and provided further that the term "law enforcement officers" includes county prosecuting attorneys and deputy prosecuting attorneys;

We periodically have situations involving defendants threatening prosecutors. In the most recent (which was in late 2005), the FBI contacted our office when they discovered that a defendant was soliciting a contract to kill the prosecuting attorney or the first deputy prosecuting attorney, and the judge assigned to

his case. That defendant is currently at large. While we believe that we are already covered by the term "law enforcement officers," the proposed amendment will clarify the exemption. In addition, we have a policy that any personnel carrying a firearm must qualify every six months.

For these reasons we support the passage of Senate Bill 2532 with our proposed amendment, and thank you for this opportunity to testify.