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November 3, 2022

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

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-First 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 Department of the Attorney General's Annual Report on the Use and Discharge of Electric Guns by the Department of the Attorney General. In accordance with section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at <http://ag.hawaii.gov/publications/reports/reports-to-the-legislature/>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at (808) 586-1500.

Sincerely,

Holly T. Shikada  
Attorney General

c: David Y. Ige, Governor  
Josh Green, Lieutenant Governor  
Legislative Reference Bureau (Attn: Karen Mau)  
Leslie H. Kondo, State Auditor  
Craig K. Hirai, Director of Finance, Department of Budget and Finance  
Stacey A. Aldrich, State Librarian, Hawaii State Public Library System  
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Enclosure

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## **ANNUAL REPORT ON THE USE AND DISCHARGE OF ELECTRIC GUNS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Pursuant to Section 134-87(b)(3), Hawaii Revised Statutes

November 1, 2022

Submitted to the Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023

Pursuant to section 134-87(b)(3), HRS, which took effect on January 1, 2022, the following information regarding use and discharge of electric guns by the Department of the Attorney General is provided, and covers the period from January 1, 2022, through October 31, 2022.

According to section 134-81, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), an "electric gun" means "any portable device that is designed to discharge electric energy, charge, voltage, or current into the body through direct contact or utilizing a projectile." It "includes but is not limited to devices commonly referred to as stun guns and Tasers" and "does not include any automatic external defibrillator used in emergency medical situations."

Law enforcement agencies, including the Department of the Attorney General, are exempted from the restrictions against possessing and using electric guns, but are required to maintain records regarding all electric guns possessed by and discharged by those agencies and report annually to the Legislature on the information in those records. The information is as follows:

- Total Number of TASER Conducted Energy Weapons in custody and control as of October 31, 2022:

15 TASERS

- Total Number of TASER Applications discharged as of October 31, 2022:

0 TASER Applications

No additional electric guns are in the possession of the Department of the Attorney General.

If you have any questions, please contact John Thompson, Deputy Chief Special Agent, Investigations Division, Department of Attorney General, at (808) 586-1240.