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October 31, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President and Members of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Thirty-Third State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, 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, as required by section 134-87(b)(3), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). In accordance with section 93-16, HRS, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at https://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,

Anne E. Lopez

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c: Josh Green, M.D., Governor Sylvia Luke, Lieutenant Governor Legislative Reference Bureau (Attn: Karen Mau) Leslie H. Kondo, State Auditor Luis Salaveria, Director of Finance, Department of Budget and Finance Stacey A. Aldrich, State Librarian, Hawaii State Public Library System Wendy F. Hensel, President, University of Hawaii

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

Submitted to the Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2026

Pursuant to section 134-87(b)(3), Hawaii Revised Statutes (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 November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2025.

According to section 134-81, 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 certain 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, 2025:
 - 15 TASERS
- Total Number of TASER Applications discharged as of October 31, 2025:
 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 Thomas J. Alipio, Chief Special Agent, Investigations Division, Department of Attorney General, at (808) 586-1240.