

**Report to the Thirtieth Legislature  
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**INSTANCE  
OF USAGE OF ELECTRIC GUNS**



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Section 134-16(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes**

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## **INSTANCE OF USAGE OF ELECTRIC GUNS**

This report is submitted in accordance with Section 134-16(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes, regarding the maintenance of records and instance of usage of electric guns.

Act 148, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, authorized the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) the ability to possess electric guns while continuing efforts toward accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies by June 30, 2018.

DOCARE recognizes the importance of fielding the Conductive Electric Weapon equipment as soon as possible. The agency has taken a multi-prong approach to expedite this effort including finalizing consultation with the Hawaii Government Employees Association (HGEA), insuring equipment readiness and serviceability, and training Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officers in its use.

DOCARE has and continues to consult with the HGEA on the applicable Electric Gun (Taser Conductive Electric Weapon) policy. Consultation efforts remain on-going as of the time of this report.

DOCARE has conducted a review of the equipment purchased to insure that appropriate firmware updates have been completed to ensure serviceability once it is fielded by the Officers.

Lastly, DOCARE has recently conducted certification of Instructors to conduct the training of the Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officers with the latest, updated information on Taser Conductive Electric Weapon use.

Consequently, the Department of Land and Natural Resources reports no instances of the use of electric guns.