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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. To that extent, DOCARE has purchased electric guns commonly known as "Tasers" and related accessories.

In June 2015, DOCARE sent personnel to receive instructor level training on the use of the Taser conductive electric weapon. Subsequently, these instructors began training Conservation and Resource Enforcement Officers statewide on the deployment and use of the Taser. This training has since been completed statewide.

In addition, DOCARE has drafted a policy on Taser use and has consulted with the Hawaii Government Employees Association (HGEA). Additional consultation on DOCARE's use of the Taser has been initiated with the Department of the Attorney General. Consultation has not yet been completed and remains on-going. Upon completion of the consultation, it is expected that a final, official policy on Taser use will be effective and that the actual Taser conductive electric weapons will be fielded shortly thereafter.

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