

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



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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 continues to train Enforcement Officers in the use of the Taser Conductive Electric Weapons. DOCARE is also providing training to keep the Division's Taser Instructor qualifications current. Inspection of the taser equipment by the Instructor staff has discovered technical issues relating to battery life and firmware updates. DOCARE is working to resolve these issues to ensure readiness of the equipment when fielded. DOCARE expects to issue and field the weapons to its officers as soon as these technical issues are resolved.

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