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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Senator Shawn Gumataotao issued the following statement after concluding this afternoon's Oversight Hearing regarding the Department of Agriculture, Conservation Officers (Law Enforcement) Division:

“The work of our Conservation Officers directly impacts families and our wider community through the enforcement of policies that support food security, environmental stewardship, and responsible economic development.

Policymakers 70 years ago recognized the Government's role in protecting our natural resources and have since established measures to help strike a balance between the needs of our growing communities and the obligation we share in safeguarding the very resources which have supported Guam's families for generations. Conservation Officers serve a critical role in our collective efforts, and they must be supported with corresponding resources and strong partnerships with federal, military, and regional counterparts.

The Committee appreciates the Administration's acknowledgement of the often overlooked but vital role Conservation Officers serve in Guam's law enforcement landscape. Moving forward, this recognition must translate into responsive public policies, sustained resources, and an unwavering expectation of accountability from agency leadership and we the taxpayers who pay every penny needed to fund public services across this Government.”

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