

HONOLULU

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GOV. MSG. NO. **616**

May 9, 2006

The Honorable Robert Bunda, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature State Capitol, Room 003 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on May 9, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2334 SD2 HD2 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. (ACT 86)

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

ACT 086

THE SENATE TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2006 STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 2334 S.D. 2 H.D. 2 C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
- 2 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of
- 3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.
- 4 SECTION 2. Act 178, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, provided
- 5 an appropriation of \$6,278,187 to the department of human
- 6 services, office of youth services, to operate the Hawaii youth
- 7 correctional facility for fiscal year 2005-2006. On August 4,
- 8 2005, the United States Department of Justice released a report
- 9 on the findings of its Civil Rights Division's investigation of
- 10 the conditions of confinement at the Hawaii youth correctional
- 11 facility. Given the serious nature of the findings, the
- 12 governor is taking immediate action to fund improvements at the
- 13 Hawaii youth correctional facility. Some of the remedial
- 14 actions that the United States Department of Justice report
- 15 recommends have already been put into place. The implementation
- 16 of these remedial measures and associated overtime costs are the
- 17 primary factors leading to the present budget shortfall.

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- 1 The fiscal year 2005-2006 budget for the office of youth
- 2 services, Hawaii youth correctional facility, did not include
- 3 funding for any remedial actions at the facility, as a budget
- 4 for remedial actions could not be compiled until after the
- 5 United States Department of Justice report was issued.
- 6 While a negotiated settlement with the United States
- 7 Department of Justice is anticipated at this time, it is
- 8 apparent that improvements must be made in policies, procedures,
- 9 and practices in the areas of suicide prevention and precaution,
- 10 reporting of staff abuse and assaults, staff training, improved
- 11 access to medical and mental health information, and special
- 12 education services and vocational training.
- The purpose of this Act is to appropriate additional
- 14 general fund moneys to allow the department of human services,
- 15 office of youth services, to continue to improve operations at
- 16 the Hawaii youth correctional facility.
- 17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
- 18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,679,091, or so
- 19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2005-2006, to
- 20 be used for the Hawaii youth correctional facility.

- The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 2 human services for the purposes of this Act.
- 3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Approved this day: MAY 9 2006

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.

President of the Senate

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Clerk of the Senate

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.

Speaker, House of Representatives

Clerk, House of Representatives