## 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,
- 5 appropriated \$6,278,187 to the department of human services,
- 6 office of youth services to operate the Hawaii youth
- 7 correctional facility for the fiscal year 2005-2006. On
- 8 August 4, 2005, the United States Department of Justice released
- 9 a report on the findings of its Civil Rights Division's
- 10 investigation of the conditions of confinement at the Hawaii
- 11 youth correctional facility. Given the serious nature of the
- 12 findings, the governor is taking immediate action to fund
- 13 improvements at the Hawaii youth correctional facility. Some of
- 14 the remedial actions that the United States Department of
- 15 Justice report recommends have already been put in place. The
- 16 implementation of these remedial measures and associated



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

- 1 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 on July 1, 2022.

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## Report Title:

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## Description:

Makes an emergency appropriation to the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility. (SB2334 HD1)