A BILL FOR AN ACT

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PURCHASE THE OLD GREY HOUND FACILITY TO RELOCATE AND CONSOLIDATE THE OPERATIONS OF THE SHERIFF DIVISION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
- 2 public safety's sheriff division provides law enforcement
- 3 services for the State, executive protection for the
- 4 legislature, governor, lieutenant governor and their families,
- 5 and government officials and employees. The sheriff division
- 6 also provides emergency terrorist and all-disaster response and
- 7 support services. These services are essential and critical to
- 8 the health and safety of the community and the economic
- 9 stability, protection, and justice for the State.
- 10 Recently, the division was evicted from their office space
- 11 at the district court on Alakea street and has become extremely
- 12 fragmented and segregated in its operations. The division was
- 13 forced to divide its administrative services, warrants, records,
- 14 supply, and administrator sections into five separate locations
- 15 within a three-mile radius.
- 16 The current situation has forced the division to relocate:

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| 1 | (1) Administrators in offices located on pier 20 near | |
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| 3 | (2) | The administrative services, personnel, and fiscal |
| 4 | | sections on the fourth floor at 1177 Alakea street; |
| 5 | (3) | The evidence, records, and supply sections on the |
| 6 | | second floor of 1177 Alakea street; |
| 7 | (4) | The weapons vault on the ground floor at 919 Ala Moana |
| 8 | | boulevard; |
| 9 | (5) | The warrants, files, and records section on the |
| 10 | | chamber level at the state capitol; |
| 11 | (6) | The fugitive unit and transports section at pier 20; |
| 12 | | and |
| 13 | (7) | The receiving section and cell block at district |
| 14 | | court. |
| 15 | These locations were assigned without any consideration for | |
| 16 | efficiency, office automation, communications, or consistency in | |
| 17 | operational requirements and office space was acquired by any | |
| 18 | means possible. | |
| 19 | No other government agency or business in the private | |
| 20 | sector operates under these unbearable circumstances, and is | |
| 21 | expected to accomplish their mission effectively. | |

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1 Division administrative functions may take days or weeks to 2 complete because of delays caused by the physical distance between sections. The filing of warrants from the judiciary to 3 4 various division sections is delayed. Also, inventory 5 management is compounded by unnecessary delays while awaiting approvals, and office automation and communication are often 6 7 confusing due to the distances between critical operations. 8 The situation has also negatively impacted operations of 9 other government agencies. The location of the armory has **10** raised concerns regarding weapons and ammunition storage from 11 other building occupants and neighbors. Traffic and safety 12 concerns have been elevated at the state capitol while police, 13 sheriffs, and other law enforcement personnel arrive to pick-up 14 original warrants (a requirement of the law) before booking 15 (normally the arrested person waits in the vehicle during this 16 process). The situation has also increased after-hours activity 17 at other government buildings. 18 The division is experiencing other problems with management 19 control, supervision of personnel, training, and other 20 operational requirements that have been stymied due to travel 21 time and parking problems from one location to another.

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         The legislature also finds that the renovation of
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    unoccupied buildings and property off Lagoon drive at the old
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    Grey Hound facility near the airport would resolve the
    division's housing problems. This facility is located on
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    airport property and would enable the division to properly
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    consolidate its operations, provide management control, and
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    improve office automation and communication. The location is
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    relatively isolated and reasonably close to downtown Honolulu,
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    which makes this site perfect for sheriff division operations.
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         The purpose of this Act is to authorize the issuance of
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    general obligation bonds to purchase the old Grey Hound facility
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    near the airport to relocate and consolidate the operations of
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    the sheriff division.
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         SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
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    general obligation bonds in the sum of $2,815,000, or so much
    thereof as may be necessary, and the same sum, or so much
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    thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for fiscal year
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    2006-2007, for the purpose of purchasing the old Grey Hound
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    facility near the airport to relocate and consolidate the
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    operations of the sheriff division of the department of public
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    safety. The funds shall be expended as follows:
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| 1 | Construction | 2,200,000 | | |
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| 2 | Equipment | 440,000 | | |
| 3 | Total cost | \$2,815,000 | | |
| 4 | SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital | | | |
| 5 | improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at | | | |
| 6 | the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is | | | |
| 7 | made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation | | | |
| 8 | unencumbered as of June 30, 2008, shall lapse as of that date. | | | |
| 9 | SECTION 4. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the | | | |
| 10 | department of public safety for the purposes of this Act. | | | |
| 11 | SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July, 1, 2006. | | | |
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Report Title:

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Description:

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