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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO HIRE MONITORS FOR OUT-OF-STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES THAT HOUSE HAWAII INMATES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Approximately eighteen hundred Hawaii inmates
- 2 are housed at out-of-state correctional facilities each year at
- 3 a cost of \$36,000,000. That is nearly half of the Hawaii prison
- 4 population. The department of public safety is proposing to
- 5 send another seven hundred inmates to mainland facilities at an
- 6 additional cost of \$12,000,000.
- 7 The recent death of a Hawaii inmate at a Kentucky prison
- 8 emphasizes the need to properly monitor conditions at mainland
- 9 facilities and to provide a readily accessible channel for
- 10 inmates to communicate their complaints directly to Hawaii
- 11 prison officials.
- 12 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to hire
- 13 monitors for out-of-state correctional facilities housing Hawaii
- 14 inmates.
- 15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so
- 17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, to

- 1 hire monitors for out-of-state correctional facilities that
- 2 house Hawaii inmates.
- 3 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
- 4 department of public safety for the purposes of this Act.
- 5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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INTRODUCED BY:

## Report Title:

SB. NG. 2943

Appropriation; Public Safety

## Description:

Appropriates funds to hire monitors for out-of-state correctional facilities housing Hawaii inmates.