
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PUNA DISTRICT POLICE STATION IN
KEA'AU, HAWAI'I.

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

1 SECTION 1. The district of Puna is the third largest
2 police district in the county of Hawai'i and consists of
3 approximately four hundred ninety-nine square miles. According
4 to the 2000 census, the district accounts for approximately
5 twenty-one per cent of the island's population and attracted
6 approximately ten thousand five hundred new residents during the
7 last decade, thereby becoming the fastest growing district on
8 the island of Hawai'i. The current police station in Kea'au was
9 originally built in 1969 and expanded in 1986. At the time of
10 the last expansion, the facility housed thirty-three sworn
11 personnel and one clerical position. Since then, the police
12 station workforce has increased to fifty-three sworn personnel
13 and two civilian positions. The facility is located on land
14 that has no additional space for improvements or expansion.
15 The current facility is cramped and only has a single
16 interview and waiting room for use by both victims and suspects.
17 Locker room facilities are inadequate, as there is only one



1 shower, one lavatory, and one sink for all male employees to
2 share. The break room is the size of a walk-in pantry.
3 Officers can reheat their meals and get a cup of coffee, but
4 there is not enough room for a table or chairs for officers to
5 use during their break.

6 A new facility is needed to house seventy sworn personnel
7 and four civilian employees, interview rooms, holding cells, an
8 evidence room, public reception area with adequate security
9 partitions, adult offender processing rooms, and separate
10 facilities to process juvenile offenders. The new facility must
11 also be in compliance with the requirements of the Americans
12 With Disabilities Act. The total cost of the facility,
13 including planning, design, and construction costs, is estimated
14 at \$6,500,000.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1 or so much thereof
17 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for a grant-in-aid
18 to the county of Hawai'i for the planning, design, and
19 construction of the Puna district police station in Kea'au,
20 Hawai'i.

21 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
22 Hawai'i for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



Report Title:

Hawaii County; Police Station; Grant-in-Aid

Description:

Appropriates \$1 as a grant-in-aid to the county of Hawaii for the plans, design, and construction of a Puna district police station. (HB1182 HD1)

