
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AUTOMOBILE THEFT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that automobile theft is
2 a significant problem in the city and county of Honolulu. Other
3 jurisdictions facing this problem have implemented car-baiting
4 programs, which have dramatically reduced the number and
5 frequency of such thefts. Car-baiting programs use "bait cars,"
6 specially modified vehicles planted by police in areas reputed
7 to have a high rate of automobile thefts. These vehicles are
8 equipped with features including GPS tracking and hidden cameras
9 that record audio/video, time, and date. They also have the
10 ability to remotely monitor a variety of vehicle sensors and
11 control a vehicle by disabling the engine and locking the doors.
12 Because suspects are not persuaded to steal the vehicle by any
13 means other than its availability and their own volition, car-
14 baiting does not constitute entrapment.

15 The purpose of this Act is to make a grant-in-aid to the
16 city and county of Honolulu to establish a temporary car-baiting
17 pilot program to alleviate the problem of automobile theft on
18 Oahu. In developing the car-baiting program, Honolulu police



1 department shall clarify that the program does not constitute
2 entrapment.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and
6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
7 year 2008-2009 as a grant-in-aid to the city and county of
8 Honolulu police department to establish a temporary car-baiting
9 pilot program to reduce the number and frequency of automobile
10 thefts in the city and county of Honolulu. The car-baiting
11 pilot program shall be operational by July 1, 2008 and shall
12 cease to operate June 30, 2009.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the city and
14 county of Honolulu for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007,
16 provided that the Act shall be repealed on June 30, 2009.

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Report Title:

Car Baiting ; Grant-In-Aid to City and County of Honolulu

Description:

Appropriates funds for a grant-in-aid to city and county of Honolulu to establish car baiting pilot program designed to reduce automobile theft on Oahu.

