
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the unprecedented
2 growth that west Hawaii has experienced over the last several
3 decades and continuing into the twenty-first century has exacted
4 an enormous toll on the physical infrastructure serving the
5 residents of west Hawaii. At the same time, it is demanding the
6 increase of all types of government services to ensure the
7 public's health, safety, and welfare. Offices housing
8 government agencies and quasi-public organizations providing for
9 the public's safety have proliferated all over west Hawaii.

10 The legislature believes that there is a vital need to plan
11 for the coordinated provision of public safety services and that
12 a multi-purpose complex in west Hawaii to concentrate public
13 safety agencies in one central area would be cost-efficient,
14 provide better communications among provider and users of public
15 safety services, and could improve access to such services.

16 It is the intent of the legislature that this multi-purpose
17 complex may house circuit and district courts and judiciary
18 offices, public safety offices, detention facilities, police



1 department facilities, fire department facilities, civil defense
2 facilities, and other public safety facilities.

3 The purpose of this Act is direct:

4 (1) The department of land and natural resources to
5 identify public lands that would be available for a
6 multi-purpose public safety complex in west Hawaii;
7 and

8 (2) The department of accounting and general services to
9 establish a task force to plan the development of the
10 multi-purpose public safety complex, to include:

11 (A) Community involvement;

12 (B) Smart growth concepts;

13 (C) Energy efficiency and Leadership in Energy and
14 Environmental Design concepts; and

15 (D) Innovative financing, to include public and
16 private participation, financing agreements,
17 certificate of participation financing; and

18 (3) The department of accounting and general services to
19 report back to the legislature with its conceptual
20 design for the complex.

21 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources is
22 directed to undertake an inventory of public lands in the west



1 Hawaii region bounded by Palani road to the south, Mamalahoa
2 highway to the east, Kawaihae road to the north, and the ocean.
3 Within ninety days of the effective date of this Act, the
4 department of land and natural resources shall provide to the
5 department of accounting and general services a prioritized list
6 of parcels of public lands, together with plat and topographic
7 maps, within the area described in this section that may be
8 suitable to the development of a multi-purpose public safety
9 complex, comprising of a minimum of acres and taking into
10 consideration the county of Hawaii general plan, topography,
11 accessibility to essential infrastructure, and ease of public
12 access.

13 SECTION 3. (a) The department of accounting and general
14 services shall establish a task force to plan the development of
15 the multi-purpose public safety complex in west Hawaii, which
16 shall include but is not limited to the following officials or
17 their designated representative:

- 18 (1) The comptroller;
19 (2) The director of public safety;
20 (3) The attorney general;
21 (4) The director of finance;
22 (5) The adjutant general;



- 1 (6) The chairperson of the board of land and natural
- 2 resources;
- 3 (7) The chief justice;
- 4 (8) The mayor of the county of Hawaii;
- 5 (9) The prosecuting attorney of the county of Hawaii;
- 6 (10) The administrator of the civil defense agency of the
- 7 county of Hawaii;
- 8 (11) The director of planning department of the county of
- 9 Hawaii;
- 10 (12) The director of public works of the county of Hawaii
- 11 (13) The police chief of the county of Hawaii; and
- 12 (14) The fire chief of the county of Hawaii.

13 (b) The task force shall be chaired by the comptroller.

14 Members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed

15 for actual expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the

16 performance of their duties. The department of accounting and

17 general services shall provide the task force with any necessary

18 facilities and all necessary technical, professional,

19 administrative, and clerical support.

20 (c) The task force shall develop a conceptual plan for the

21 development of the west Hawaii public safety complex. At

22 minimum, the complex should be planned to include facilities for



1 the various divisions of the department of public safety, a
2 detention center, judiciary facilities, including district and
3 circuit courts and supporting offices, and state and county
4 civil defense and emergency offices and facilities. Federal
5 agencies, including but not limited to the Federal Emergency
6 Management Agency, Department of the Interior, United States
7 Attorney's Office, United States Marshall Service, and United
8 States Courts should be consulted to determine whether they
9 would be interested in participating with the work of the task
10 force and be a future occupant of the west Hawaii public safety
11 complex.

12 (d) In developing the conceptual plan, the task force
13 shall incorporate the following:

14 (1) Extensive public participation, including the concept
15 of the charette, a technique used by planning
16 practitioners to involve individuals and organizations
17 of a community directly in the planning, programming,
18 and design of a project;

19 (2) The inclusion of smart growth concepts, including but
20 not limited to concurrent development with
21 infrastructure, including highways, being developed
22 concurrently with the principal project;



1 (3) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design concepts
2 and compliance with the energy efficiency and
3 environmental standards for state facilities set forth
4 in chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

5 (4) Innovative planning, engineering, and development and
6 financing programs to include but not be limited to
7 the following:

8 (A) Design engineering procedures;

9 (B) Public and private joint ventures; and

10 (C) Financing agreements, utilizing certificates of
11 participation and credit enhancing agreements,
12 pursuant to chapter 37D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

13 SECTION 4. Twenty days prior to the convening of the
14 regular session of 2009, the department of accounting and
15 general services shall submit to the legislature a conceptual
16 plan for the west Hawaii public safety complex that shall
17 include but not be limited to:

18 (1) A conceptual design for infrastructure and structures
19 to be included in the complex, including a site plan
20 showing the topography of the lot, siting of
21 structures, parking, and access on the lot;



- 1 (2) A detailed listing of available and required
- 2 infrastructure required to serve the complex;
- 3 (3) A list of probable tenants in the complex;
- 4 (4) A timeline, including phasing, for the development of
- 5 the complex;
- 6 (5) An estimated cost for the development of the complex,
- 7 including all infrastructure, structures, equipment,
- 8 and furnishings; and
- 9 (6) Proposed funding vehicles that may be utilized for the
- 10 development of the complex.

11 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ _____, or so
 13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
 14 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 15 year 2008-2009, for the development of a conceptual plan for the
 16 west Hawaii public safety complex.

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 18 of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
 20 provided that section 5 shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Description:

Requires department of land and natural resources to identify appropriated public land in north Kona for development of west Hawaii public safety complex to house department of public safety divisions, emergency management, and fire and police assets; requires department of accounting and general services to establish state and county task force to plan the development of the complex, utilizing smart growth, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design concepts, and energy efficiency concepts; involve community in planning; utilize innovative financing, including certificates of participation; appropriation.

