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S.B. NO. 2915

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHWAYS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the establishment of
2 a highway patrol is essential to increase the enforcement of the
3 statewide traffic code and related county ordinances,
4 particularly with regard to speeding and driving under the
5 influence of an intoxicant. To this end, public safety would be
6 improved by allowing the sheriff division of the department of
7 public safety to serve as a state highway patrol to handle
8 traffic violations on state roadways.

9 The purpose of this Act is to establish a highway patrol
10 within the sheriff division of the department of public safety
11 that will contract with county police departments to operate the
12 highway patrol and enforce all traffic laws and other applicable
13 laws of the State and counties.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 353C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
16 and to read as follows:

17 "§353C- Highway patrol. (a) There shall be established
18 within the sheriff division of the department a state highway



1 patrol, which shall consist of state law enforcement officers
2 appointed by the sheriff.

3 (b) The state highway patrol established under this
4 section shall enforce all of the traffic laws of the State under
5 title 17 and county ordinances. The director, in consultation
6 with the sheriff and the police chief of each county, shall
7 provide, by rule, for a listing of the statutes and ordinances
8 within the jurisdiction of the state highway patrol.

9 (c) The director shall enter into a contract with the
10 police chief of each county to operate the highway patrol and
11 implement the purposes of this section. The director, in
12 consultation with the sheriff, shall coordinate responsibilities
13 for traffic enforcement between the highway patrol and county
14 police officers."

15 SECTION 3. 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 2014-2015 for
18 the establishment of a state highway patrol within the sheriff
19 division of the department of public safety.

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
21 public safety for the purposes of this Act.

22 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

Traffic Safety; Traffic Enforcement; Highway Patrol;
Appropriation

Description:

Establishes and appropriates funds for a state highway patrol.
Requires the director of public safety to contract with county
police departments to operate the highway patrol.

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