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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND  
RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT.

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

1       SECTION 1. The department of land and natural resources'  
2 division of conservation and resources enforcement enforces the  
3 laws under the jurisdiction of the department of land and  
4 natural resources. By so doing, the division serves a vital  
5 function to protect, conserve, and manage Hawaii's unique and  
6 limited natural, cultural, and historic resources that are held  
7 in public trust for current and future generations of visitors  
8 and residents.

9       The legislature finds that the variety and vastness of the  
10 geography and terrain of the various islands are challenging.  
11 Compounding the challenges is the fact that over the years the  
12 department of land and natural resources has acquired thousands  
13 of acres of new land and numerous statutory and regulatory  
14 responsibilities to police, without a commensurate increase in  
15 the size of enforcement abilities. The division of conservation  
16 and resources enforcement has been unable to fill vacant officer



1 positions due to a lack of ability to fund start-up costs to  
2 support enforcement personnel, including in-service training  
3 expenses, operating supplies, office furniture, utility  
4 expenses, office furniture, broadband capabilities, and  
5 computers and printers.

6 The legislature further finds that the lack of sufficient  
7 non-personnel operational costs has left the department unable  
8 to safeguard officers and enable them to effectively and  
9 efficiently enforce laws and regulations, including through the  
10 provision of uniforms, body armor, duty gear,  
11 telecommunications, training and travel, mobile and portable  
12 radios, laptop computers, miscellaneous equipment, rifles and  
13 shotguns, emergency lights and sirens, night vision goggles, and  
14 vehicle and vessel fuel, oil, maintenance and repair.

15 The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation to the  
16 division of conservation and resources enforcement for personnel  
17 services, current expenses, equipment, and motor vehicles.

18 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,000,000 or so much  
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the  
21 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year



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1 2016-2017 for current expenses, equipment, and motor vehicles of  
2 the division of conservation and resources enforcement.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
4 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Makes an appropriation for current expenses, equipment, and motor vehicles of the division of conservation and resources enforcement.

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