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
- 17 positions due to a lack of ability to fund start-up costs to



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- 1 support enforcement personnel, including in-service training
- 2 expenses, operating supplies, office furniture, utility
- 3 expenses, office furniture, broadband capabilities, and
- 4 computers and printers.
- 5 The legislature further finds that the lack of sufficient
- 6 non-personnel operational costs has left the department unable
- 7 to safeguard officers and enable them to effectively and
- 8 efficiently enforce laws and regulations, including through the
- 9 provision of uniforms, body armor, duty gear,
- 10 telecommunications, training and travel, mobile and portable
- 11 radios, laptop computers, miscellaneous equipment, rifles and
- 12 shotguns, emergency lights and sirens, night vision goggles, and
- 13 vehicle and vessel fuel, oil, maintenance, and repair.
- 14 The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation to the
- 15 division of conservation and resources enforcement for personnel
- 16 services, current expenses, equipment, and motor vehicles.
- 17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
- 19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and
- 20 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
- 21 year 2016-2017 for personnel services, current expenses,

- 1 equipment, and motor vehicles of the division of conservation
- 2 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, 2050.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Makes an appropriation for personnel services, current expenses, equipment, and motor vehicles of the division of conservation and resources enforcement. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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