HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2018 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 2507

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSERVATION OFFICER AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT TRAINING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's limited and 2 unique cultural and natural resources are vital to the State and 3 its residents. However, these resources may not be receiving 4 the protection required. According to a January 9, 2018, Hawaii News Now report entitled "DLNR wants a training academy to solve 5 staffing shortage, increase enforcement," there is a shortage of 6 7 department of land and natural resources' conservation and 8 resources enforcement officers. This shortage is due to the 9 fact that the "officers are armed and the job requires prior law 10 enforcement experience, " which severely limits the pool of 11 applicants to current and former employees of the few law 12 enforcement agencies in the State.

The legislature further finds that if the department of land and natural resources had its own training academy, it would no longer be limited to applicants with prior law enforcement experience. The department of land and natural



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resources has collaborated with the University of Hawaii,
William S. Richardson school of law to establish a training
academy. The law school has already taken a first step in the
process of establishing the training academy by securing a
\$148,000 grant from the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation. However,
additional moneys are needed before the training academy can be
established.

8 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate 9 moneys to the department of land and natural resources for the 10 establishment of a training academy for conservation and 11 resources enforcement officers.

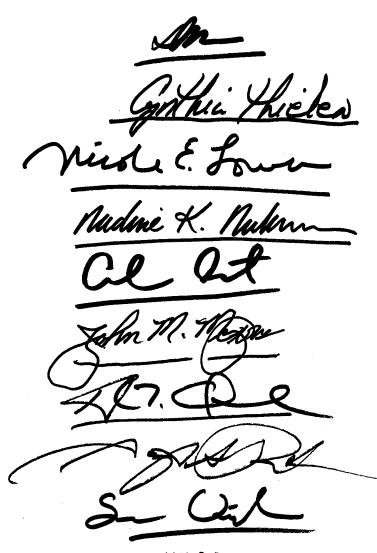
SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the establishment of a training academy for conservation and resources enforcement officers.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of18 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Report Title:

DLNR; Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officer Training; Training Academy

Description:

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