
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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

PART I

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the state sheriff division provides security and law enforcement response for all state judiciary facilities. On the Kona and Kohala sides of the island of Hawaii, the sheriff division is responsible for the main courthouse in Kona as well as physically separate locations for the drug and family courts. The sheriff division is also responsible for the courthouses in Hilo and Waimea.

Responsibility for this vast geographical area makes it difficult for the sheriff division to effectively and efficiently supervise line deputies and provide necessary services. Currently, there is only a single lieutenant in the division who is responsible for supervising these courts.

The legislature also finds that the current level of staffing in the sheriff division on the island of Hawaii, particularly in the Kona unit, is inadequate for the sheriff division to properly perform its duties. Further, the



1 legislature concludes that the Kona unit would be more effective
2 and efficient with proper staffing.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this part is to:

- 4 (1) Establish full-time equivalent permanent
5 lieutenant position in the Kona unit of the sheriff
6 division within the department of public safety; and
7 (2) Appropriate funds for the initial six-month hiring
8 period and for one-time costs for the purchase of
9 position-related uniforms and equipment, with the
10 intention that funds for the position will be included
11 and requested within the department's base budget for
12 subsequent years at a rate equivalent to the base
13 salary for the position as determined by the
14 department.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the
18 hiring of full-time equivalent (FTE) permanent
19 lieutenant position in the Kona unit of the sheriff division
20 within the department of public safety for the initial six-month
21 hiring period and for one-time costs for the purchase of



1 position-related uniforms and equipment; provided that funds for
2 the position shall be included and requested within the
3 department's base budget for subsequent years at a rate
4 equivalent to the base salary for the position as determined by
5 the department.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
7 public safety for the purposes of this part.

8 PART II

9 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that deputy sheriffs
10 routinely serve the community by providing off-duty law
11 enforcement services, commonly known as "special duty" services,
12 for monetary compensation to persons, organizations, and
13 government entities other than the department of public safety.

14 The purpose of this part is to provide statutory
15 authorization for special duty employment by deputy sheriffs.

16 SECTION 4. Chapter 353C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
18 and to read as follows:

19 "§353C- Special duty employment; deputy sheriffs. (a)
20 Deputy sheriffs may engage in special duty employment. "Special
21 duty" means the performance of a service for a person,



1 organization, or governmental entity other than the department
2 by a deputy sheriff of the sheriff division acting in a law
3 enforcement capacity while off-duty from the department, in
4 return for which the deputy sheriff receives a direct or
5 indirect payment or compensation of some kind.

6 (b) The department shall maintain, and revise when
7 necessary, policy and procedures to govern the processing of
8 requests for special duty and establish the compensation
9 schedule for law enforcement services provided by deputy
10 sheriffs performing special duty work."

11 PART III

12 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Law Enforcement; Sheriff Division; Kona Unit; Permanent Lieutenant Position; Appropriation; Deputy Sheriffs; Special Duty

Description:

Establishes an unspecified number of full-time equivalent lieutenant positions in the Kona unit of the sheriff division within the department of public safety. Appropriates funds for the initial six-month hiring period and for one-time costs for the purchase of position-related uniforms and equipment. Establishes statutory authorization of special duty employment, commonly referred to as special duty services, by deputy sheriffs. (SB3079 HD1)

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