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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, although the most  
2 recent performance audit of the department of public safety was  
3 in 2017, its scope was limited to a review of the department's  
4 special funds, revolving funds, trust funds, and trust accounts.  
5 The legislature further finds that no comprehensive audit of the  
6 department of public safety's offices, policies, and programs  
7 has been performed in recent history. The purpose of this Act  
8 is to require a comprehensive performance audit of the  
9 department of public safety.

10           SECTION 2. (a) The auditor shall conduct a performance  
11 audit of the following offices and programs within the  
12 department of public safety:

- 13           (1) The office of the director;  
14           (2) The civil rights compliance office;  
15           (3) The personnel management office;  
16           (4) The fiscal office; and  
17           (5) The health care division's mental health services.



1 (b) The audit shall include but not be limited to a review  
2 of the following:

3 (1) Hiring, staffing, and supervisory policies and  
4 practices, including:

5 (A) Whether applicants and employees are adequately  
6 screened and qualified;

7 (B) Actual and perceived conflicts of interest and  
8 favoritism among and between employees and  
9 supervisors, including conflicts due to familial  
10 and personal relationships; and

11 (C) Employee morale;

12 (2) Handling and disposition of internal complaints made  
13 and lawsuits filed by current or former employees;

14 (3) Contracting and procurement policies and practices,  
15 including:

16 (A) Whether contractors and vendors are adequately  
17 screened and qualified;

18 (B) Compliance with state and federal laws; and

19 (C) Whether contracts were steered toward contractors  
20 and vendors due to familial and personal  
21 relationships; and



1           (4) The ability of the department to provide necessary  
2           mental health services to inmates and pre-trial  
3           detainees, including whether the department is taking  
4           adequate steps to fill staffing vacancies related to  
5           the provision of mental health services.

6           SECTION 3. The auditor shall submit a report on the  
7           performance audit, including the auditor's findings,  
8           recommendations, and proposed legislation, if necessary, to the  
9           legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
10          the regular session of 2021.

11          SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
12          revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$            or so much  
13          thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the  
14          auditor to conduct a performance audit of the department of  
15          public safety pursuant to this Act.

16          The sum appropriated shall be expended by the auditor for  
17          the purposes of this Act.

18          SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



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S.D. 2

**Report Title:**

Auditor; Performance Audit; PSD; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the auditor to conduct a performance audit of certain offices and programs within the Department of Public Safety. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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