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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
SAFETY.

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

1           SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for  
2 immediate passage in accordance with article VII, section 9, of  
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4           SECTION 2. Act 5, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, as amended  
5 by Act 7, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, and as also amended by  
6 Act 9, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, resulted in the deletion of  
7 the base salary of 298.50 positions in the amount of \$17,972,111  
8 in general funds from the department of public safety's fiscal  
9 year 2020-2021 budget. Specifically, 160.0 adult corrections  
10 officers' salaries were deleted, totaling \$9,613,332.

11           The department of public safety operates eight separate  
12 correctional institutions on Oahu and three on the neighbor  
13 islands, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. A  
14 sufficient number of trained security staff is required to  
15 safely operate these secure institutions. The staff of 160.0  
16 adult corrections officers is necessary to ensure security



1 coverage at all times, especially considering the need for any  
2 response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

3 The department of public safety projects a shortage in  
4 funding for personnel for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the  
5 following facilities:

6 PSD 402- Halawa Correctional Facility: \$ 1,281,396

7 PSD 403- Kulani Correctional Facility: \$ 29,520

8 PSD 404- Waiawa Correctional Facility: \$ 292,932

9 PSD 405- Hawaii Community Correctional Center: \$ 240,714

10 PSD 406- Maui Community Correctional Center: \$ 1,053,924

11 PSD 407- Oahu Community Correctional Center: \$ 1,620,912

12 PSD 408- Kauai Community Correctional Center: \$ 144,204

13 PSD 409- Women's Community Correctional Center: \$ 143,064

14 Additionally, staffing for the health care division which  
15 is at the forefront of the department of public safety's  
16 response to the COVID-19 pandemic has been critically reduced  
17 with the deletion of the base salary for 33.50 positions,  
18 26.50 of which are health care professionals, including  
19 physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, registered nurses,  
20 para-medical assistants, physical and occupational therapists,  
21 and psychiatric social workers. The salary reduction for the



1 26.50 positions in PSD 421-Health Care for fiscal year 2020-2021  
2 is \$2,400,451. The department's pandemic response plan requires  
3 all health care disciplines to provide health care service,  
4 assistance, and monitoring capabilities in-house at all  
5 correctional institutions. The department projects a shortfall  
6 for personnel services for PSD 421-Health Care in fiscal year  
7 2020-2021 as:

8 PSD 421 - Health Care: \$ 1,200,226

9 The purpose of this Act is to make an emergency  
10 appropriation to the department of public safety to provide  
11 various correctional institutions and its health care division  
12 with sufficient funds to cover the personnel costs associated  
13 with the provision of operations and response to the COVID-19  
14 pandemic.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$6,006,892 or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for the department of public safety  
18 to cover the costs of its personnel services shortfall for  
19 fiscal year 2020-2021.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
2 public safety for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Emergency Appropriation; Department of Public Safety

**Description:**

Makes an emergency appropriation to provide funds for the department of public safety to cover the costs of the personnel services shortfall at all correctional institutions statewide.

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