
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, deleted the base salary of
7 298.50 positions in the amount of \$17,972,111 in general funds
8 from the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget of the department of
9 public safety. Specifically, 160.0 adult corrections officers'
10 salaries were deleted, totaling \$9,613,332.

11 The department of public safety operates eight separate
12 correctional institutions in the State, with four institutions
13 on Oahu, two on the island of Hawaii, one on Kauai, and one on
14 Maui, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. A sufficient
15 number of trained security staff is required to safely operate
16 these secure institutions. The staff of one hundred sixty



1 (160.0 FTE) adult corrections officers is necessary to ensure
2 continuous security coverage, especially considering any
3 response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

4 The department projects a shortage in funding for personnel
5 for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the 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 is at
15 the forefront of the department's response to the COVID-19
16 pandemic, has been critically reduced with the deletion of the
17 base salary for 33.50 positions, 26.50 of which are health care
18 professionals, including physicians, psychiatrists,
19 psychologists, registered nurses, para-medical assistants,
20 physical and occupational therapists, and psychiatric social
21 workers. The salary reduction for the 26.50 positions in



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

7 PSD 421- health care: \$1,200,226

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

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$6,006,000 or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the
17 department of public safety to cover the shortfall for personnel
18 services costs.

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

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



Report Title:

Emergency Appropriation; PSD

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 and health care services. (HD2)

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