
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 section 9 of article VII 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, as amended by Act 9,
6 Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, deleted the base salary of 298.50
7 positions in the amount of \$17,972,111, general funds from the
8 fiscal year 2020-2021 budget of the department of public safety.
9 Specifically, 160.0 adult corrections officers' salaries were
10 deleted, totaling \$9,613,332.

11 The department of public safety operates eight separate
12 correctional institutions on Oahu and three neighbor islands,
13 twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week (24/7). A sufficient
14 number of trained security staff is required to safely operate
15 these secure institutions. The staff of one hundred sixty
16 (160.0 FTE) adult corrections officers is necessary to ensure



1 24/7 security coverage especially considering any response to
2 the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.
3 The department projects a shortage in funding for personnel for
4 fiscal year 2020-2021 for the following facilities:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 Additionally, staffing for the health care division which is at
14 the forefront of the department's response to the COVID-19
15 pandemic has been critically reduced with the deletion of the
16 base salary for 33.50 positions, of which, 26.50 are health care
17 professionals, including physicians, psychiatrists,
18 psychologists, registered nurses, para-medical assistants,
19 physical and occupational therapists, and psychiatric social
20 workers. The salary reduction for the 26.50 positions in PSD
21 421-Health Care for fiscal year 2020-2021 is \$2,400,451. The



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

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

7 The purpose of this Act is to make an emergency
8 appropriation to the department of public safety to provide the
9 correctional institutions listed above and the health care
10 division with sufficient funds to cover the personnel costs
11 associated with the provision of 24/7 operations and response to
12 the COVID-19 pandemic and to fund intake service center
13 positions.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$6,006,892 or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2021-2022 for
17 the department of public safety to cover the costs of the
18 personnel services shortfall.

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



1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$502,476 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 for the
4 department of public safety to fund intake service center
5 positions.

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

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.



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 and health care services and fund intake service center positions. (SD1)

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