
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE CAPITOL FACILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that increasing threats
2 to public safety have warranted increased security measures at
3 many federal and state facilities such as capitol buildings.
4 These security measures are designed to protect public visitors
5 and employees at high profile buildings and include the
6 installation of protective barriers to safely manage crowds,
7 metal detectors and screening to prevent incidents of gun
8 violence, and the erection of vehicular barriers to prevent
9 incidents like the bombing of Oklahoma City's Alfred P. Murrah
10 Federal Building that occurred in 1995.

11 The legislature further finds that Hawaii's state capitol
12 and the surrounding capitol district were designed over fifty
13 years ago to stand as a proud symbol of Hawaii's state
14 government. The design was intended to provide easy public
15 access to elected officials, a value of great importance to our
16 democracy. Now, ease of access must be tempered with protecting



1 against modern threats and preserving the safety of visitors and
2 those who work in the state capitol.

3 The legislature also finds that currently there are no
4 meaningful security measures in place to restrict dangerous
5 crowds, weapons, explosives, or vehicular access at the Hawaii
6 state capitol. Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to
7 create reasonable preventative short-term and long-term measures
8 to protect public safety while preserving public access at the
9 Hawaii state capitol, rather than wait for a tragic incident and
10 loss of life to occur before action is taken.

11 SECTION 2. The department of accounting and general
12 services, in consultation with the legislature and any agencies
13 responsible for security at the state capitol and Washington
14 Place, shall develop and implement an enhanced security plan
15 that:

- 16 (1) Allows for the safe management of crowds in the state
17 capitol rotunda that may disrupt, impair, or threaten
18 operations in the house and senate chambers;
- 19 (2) Ensures safety at the state capitol by screening
20 visitors for weapons while preserving public access;



- 1 (3) Prevents unauthorized vehicular access to the current
2 underground state capitol parking garage by moving
3 public parking to a new location;
- 4 (4) Prevents surface-level unauthorized vehicular access
5 to the state capitol and surrounding grounds while
6 preserving the viewplanes and the historic character
7 of the capitol district; and
- 8 (5) Includes long-term plans and designs for a secured
9 underground public parking facility serving the state
10 capitol and other agencies with an above-ground mall
11 between Beretania Street, Punchbowl Street, and
12 Washington Place to allow additional safe space for
13 public gatherings, rallies, and events when the state
14 capitol and grounds must be secured. This secured
15 underground public parking facility which shall
16 replace, in one or more phases, the unsecured above-
17 ground parking and asbestos-laden structure currently
18 occupied by the department of health; provided that
19 any plans developed and implemented pursuant to this
20 paragraph shall eliminate any elevated structures on
21 site to prevent elevated lines of sight into



1 Washington Place and the state capitol; provided
2 further that any plans developed and implemented
3 pursuant to this paragraph shall preserve and expand
4 the viewplanes and historic character of the capitol
5 district.

6 SECTION 3. The department of accounting and general
7 services shall submit to the legislature a report of its
8 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
9 legislation, regarding its progress on short-term and long-term
10 steps toward implementing the enhanced security plan, no later
11 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
12 of 2022 and each session thereafter.

13 SECTION 4. Section 6E-34.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

15 "(b) There is established the state capitol management
16 committee, which shall be composed of the following members or
17 their respective designees:

- 18 (1) The governor's chief of staff;
- 19 (2) The comptroller;
- 20 (3) The director of public safety;
- 21 (4) The state historic preservation officer;



1 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) Two members of the senate as appointed by the
2 president of the senate;

3 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) Two members of the house of representatives as
4 appointed by the speaker of the house of
5 representatives;

6 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) A legislative officer of the senate appointed by
7 the president of the senate; and

8 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) A legislative officer of the house of
9 representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
10 of representatives;

11 provided that for members appointed pursuant to paragraphs ~~[(6)]~~
12 (7) and ~~[(7)]~~ (8) "legislative officer" shall have the same
13 meaning as that term is defined in section 88-21.

14 ~~[The chairperson of the state capitol management committee~~
15 ~~shall be elected by the committee members.]~~ The state capitol
16 management committee shall be co-chaired by a member of the
17 house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
18 of representatives from among the members of the house of
19 representatives appointed to the state capitol management
20 committee, and a member of the senate appointed by the president
21 of the senate selected from among the members of the senate



1 appointed to the state capitol management committee. The
2 department of accounting and general services shall provide
3 administrative support to the state capitol management
4 committee; provided that the committee shall also receive fiscal
5 analysis support from the department of budget and finance as
6 the committee deems appropriate.

7 (c) The state capitol management committee shall meet at
8 times and places as specified by a call of the [~~chairperson~~
9 chairpersons or a majority of the committee[~~;~~ ~~provided that the~~
10 ~~committee shall meet not less than four times per calendar~~
11 ~~year~~]. The state capitol management committee [~~shall~~] may
12 prescribe rules, which shall not be subject to chapter 91, for
13 its own management and governance. [~~Five members of the~~
14 ~~committee shall constitute a quorum, and a quorum~~] A majority of
15 those present may exercise all the power and authority conferred
16 on the committee."

17 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.



Report Title:

State Capitol; Security; Public Safety; DAGS; State Capitol Management Committee

Description:

Requires the department of accounting and general services to develop and implement an enhanced security plan for the state capitol and surrounding grounds. Amends provisions regarding the internal governance of the state capitol management committee. (SD1)

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