
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
2 the attorney general employs an administrator of the Hawaii
3 criminal justice data center to supervise the Hawaii criminal
4 justice data center division and a chief special investigator to
5 supervise the investigations division of the department. These
6 positions are the only supervisory positions for the legal
7 services and public services divisions within the department
8 that are not exempt from the civil service system. The
9 supervisory positions have complex responsibilities, including
10 handling highly sensitive confidential information and require a
11 set of skills that are unique to the department.

12 Moreover, these positions, like other supervisory positions
13 within the department, are not just supervisory positions but
14 managerial positions in charge of divisions. In the department
15 of the attorney general, the supervisors are an extension of the
16 office of the attorney general and they are heavily relied upon
17 to implement the priorities of the office of the attorney



1 general. It is therefore important for the office of the
2 attorney general to be able to supervise all supervisors in a
3 consistent, uniform manner and in accordance with the priorities
4 and business needs of the department.

5 The office of the attorney general also needs the ability
6 and flexibility to direct the duties and functions of all
7 supervisors, such that the department may act in a coordinated
8 manner to meet the needs of the State as determined by the
9 office of the attorney general, in consultation with the
10 governor. At times, execution of those duties and functions is
11 to address crisis situations and requires the full confidence of
12 the office of the attorney general to develop, coordinate, and
13 promptly implement the policies, activities, and programs as
14 specified by the office of the attorney general. Given the
15 highly specialized nature and expectations of the supervisory
16 positions in the department, these managerial positions are not
17 appropriate for the civil service system.

18 Exempting these positions from civil service will ensure
19 that the attorney general has the authority to appoint the best
20 candidates for the positions and will allow the attorney general
21 to supervise these positions consistently and equally with the



1 twenty-three other employees of the department of the attorney
2 general who hold supervisory positions. The change would also
3 more accurately reflect the specialized needs of the
4 department's supervisory positions.

5 SECTION 2. Section 76-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

7 "(b) The civil service to which this chapter applies shall
8 comprise all positions in the State now existing or hereafter
9 established and embrace all personal services performed for the
10 State, except the following:

11 (1) Commissioned and enlisted personnel of the Hawaii
12 National Guard as such, and positions in the Hawaii
13 National Guard that are required by state or federal
14 laws or regulations or orders of the National Guard to
15 be filled from those commissioned or enlisted
16 personnel;

17 (2) Positions filled by persons employed by contract where
18 the director of human resources development has
19 certified that the service is special or unique or is
20 essential to the public interest and that, because of
21 circumstances surrounding its fulfillment, personnel



1 to perform the service cannot be obtained through
2 normal civil service recruitment procedures. Any such
3 contract may be for any period not exceeding one year;

4 (3) Positions that must be filled without delay to comply
5 with a court order or decree if the director
6 determines that recruitment through normal recruitment
7 civil service procedures would result in delay or
8 noncompliance, such as the Felix-Cayetano consent
9 decree;

10 (4) Positions filled by the legislature or by either house
11 or any committee thereof;

12 (5) Employees in the office of the governor and office of
13 the lieutenant governor, and household employees at
14 Washington Place;

15 (6) Positions filled by popular vote;

16 (7) Department heads, officers, and members of any board,
17 commission, or other state agency whose appointments
18 are made by the governor or are required by law to be
19 confirmed by the senate;

20 (8) Judges, referees, receivers, masters, jurors, notaries
21 public, land court examiners, court commissioners, and



1 attorneys appointed by a state court for a special
2 temporary service;

- 3 (9) One bailiff for the chief justice of the supreme court
4 who shall have the powers and duties of a court
5 officer and bailiff under section 606-14; one
6 secretary or clerk for each justice of the supreme
7 court, each judge of the intermediate appellate court,
8 and each judge of the circuit court; one secretary for
9 the judicial council; one deputy administrative
10 director of the courts; three law clerks for the chief
11 justice of the supreme court, two law clerks for each
12 associate justice of the supreme court and each judge
13 of the intermediate appellate court, one law clerk for
14 each judge of the circuit court, two additional law
15 clerks for the civil administrative judge of the
16 circuit court of the first circuit, two additional law
17 clerks for the criminal administrative judge of the
18 circuit court of the first circuit, one additional law
19 clerk for the senior judge of the family court of the
20 first circuit, two additional law clerks for the civil
21 motions judge of the circuit court of the first



1 circuit, two additional law clerks for the criminal
2 motions judge of the circuit court of the first
3 circuit, and two law clerks for the administrative
4 judge of the district court of the first circuit; and
5 one private secretary for the administrative director
6 of the courts, the deputy administrative director of
7 the courts, each department head, each deputy or first
8 assistant, and each additional deputy, or assistant
9 deputy, or assistant defined in paragraph (16);

10 (10) First deputy and deputy attorneys general, the
11 administrative services manager of the department of
12 the attorney general, one secretary for the
13 administrative services manager, an administrator and
14 any support staff for the criminal and juvenile
15 justice resources coordination functions, the
16 administrator of the Hawaii criminal justice data
17 center, the chief special investigator, and law
18 clerks;

19 (11) (A) Teachers, principals, vice-principals, complex
20 area superintendents, deputy and assistant
21 superintendents, other certificated personnel,



1 not more than twenty noncertificated
2 administrative, professional, and technical
3 personnel not engaged in instructional work;

4 (B) Effective July 1, 2003, teaching assistants,
5 educational assistants, bilingual/bicultural
6 school-home assistants, school psychologists,
7 psychological examiners, speech pathologists,
8 athletic health care trainers, alternative school
9 work study assistants, alternative school
10 educational/supportive services specialists,
11 alternative school project coordinators, and
12 communications aides in the department of
13 education;

14 (C) The special assistant to the state librarian and
15 one secretary for the special assistant to the
16 state librarian; and

17 (D) Members of the faculty of the University of
18 Hawaii, including research workers, extension
19 agents, personnel engaged in instructional work,
20 and administrative, professional, and technical
21 personnel of the university;



1 (12) Employees engaged in special, research, or

2 demonstration projects approved by the governor;

3 (13) (A) Positions filled by inmates, patients of state

4 institutions, persons with severe physical or

5 mental disabilities participating in the work

6 experience training programs;

7 (B) Positions filled with students in accordance with

8 guidelines for established state employment

9 programs; and

10 (C) Positions that provide work experience training

11 or temporary public service employment that are

12 filled by persons entering the workforce or

13 persons transitioning into other careers under

14 programs such as the federal Workforce Investment

15 Act of 1998, as amended, or the Senior Community

16 Service Employment Program of the Employment and

17 Training Administration of the United States

18 Department of Labor, or under other similar state

19 programs;

20 (14) A custodian or guide at Iolani Palace, the Royal

21 Mausoleum, and Hulihee Palace;



1 (15) Positions filled by persons employed on a fee,
2 contract, or piecework basis, who may lawfully perform
3 their duties concurrently with their private business
4 or profession or other private employment and whose
5 duties require only a portion of their time, if it is
6 impracticable to ascertain or anticipate the portion
7 of time to be devoted to the service of the State;

8 (16) Positions of first deputies or first assistants of
9 each department head appointed under or in the manner
10 provided in section 6, article V, of the Hawaii State
11 Constitution; three additional deputies or assistants
12 either in charge of the highways, harbors, and
13 airports divisions or other functions within the
14 department of transportation as may be assigned by the
15 director of transportation, with the approval of the
16 governor; four additional deputies in the department
17 of health, each in charge of one of the following:
18 behavioral health, environmental health, hospitals,
19 and health resources administration, including other
20 functions within the department as may be assigned by
21 the director of health, with the approval of the



1 governor; an administrative assistant to the state
2 librarian; and an administrative assistant to the
3 superintendent of education;

4 (17) Positions specifically exempted from this part by any
5 other law; provided that:

6 (A) Any exemption created after July 1, 2014, shall
7 expire three years after its enactment unless
8 affirmatively extended by an act of the
9 legislature; and

10 (B) All of the positions defined by paragraph (9)
11 shall be included in the position classification
12 plan;

13 (18) Positions in the state foster grandparent program and
14 positions for temporary employment of senior citizens
15 in occupations in which there is a severe personnel
16 shortage or in special projects;

17 (19) Household employees at the official residence of the
18 president of the University of Hawaii;

19 (20) Employees in the department of education engaged in
20 the supervision of students during meal periods in the
21 distribution, collection, and counting of meal



1 tickets, and in the cleaning of classrooms after
2 school hours on a less than half-time basis;

3 (21) Employees hired under the tenant hire program of the
4 Hawaii public housing authority; provided that not
5 more than twenty-six per cent of the authority's
6 workforce in any housing project maintained or
7 operated by the authority shall be hired under the
8 tenant hire program;

9 (22) Positions of the federally funded expanded food and
10 nutrition program of the University of Hawaii that
11 require the hiring of nutrition program assistants who
12 live in the areas they serve;

13 (23) Positions filled by persons with severe disabilities
14 who are certified by the state vocational
15 rehabilitation office that they are able to perform
16 safely the duties of the positions;

17 (24) The sheriff;

18 (25) A gender and other fairness coordinator hired by the
19 judiciary;

20 (26) Positions in the Hawaii National Guard youth and adult
21 education programs;



- 1 (27) In the state energy office in the department of
2 business, economic development, and tourism, all
3 energy program managers, energy program specialists,
4 energy program assistants, and energy analysts;
- 5 (28) Administrative appeals hearing officers in the
6 department of human services;
- 7 (29) In the Med-QUEST division of the department of human
8 services, the division administrator, finance officer,
9 health care services branch administrator, medical
10 director, and clinical standards administrator;
- 11 (30) In the director's office of the department of human
12 services, the enterprise officer, information security
13 and privacy compliance officer, security and privacy
14 compliance engineer, and security and privacy
15 compliance analyst;
- 16 (31) The Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services
17 coordinator in the executive office on aging;
- 18 [+] (32) [+] In the Hawaii emergency management agency, the
19 executive officer, public information officer, civil
20 defense administrative officer, branch chiefs, and
21 emergency operations center state warning point



1 personnel; provided that, for state warning point
2 personnel, the director shall determine that
3 recruitment through normal civil service recruitment
4 procedures would result in delay or noncompliance; and
5 [†] (33) [†] The executive director and seven full-time
6 administrative positions of the school facilities
7 authority.

8 The director shall determine the applicability of this
9 section to specific positions.

10 Nothing in this section shall be deemed to affect the civil
11 service status of any incumbent as it existed on July 1, 1955."

12 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2222.

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Report Title:

Employees of the Department of the Attorney General; Civil Service; Exempt Positions

Description:

Converts the positions of the administrator of the Hawaii criminal justice data center and the chief special investigator of the department of the attorney general from civil service status to exempt status. Effective 1/1/2222. (HD1)

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