

JAN 21 2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FORENSIC TESTING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that much progress has
2 been made to decrease the backlog of rape kit testing in the
3 State and speed up other forensic tests to assist law
4 enforcement in its duties. Statutes of limitations require that
5 timely testing is an obligation of the State to protect the
6 rights and safety of its citizens. Act 207, Session Laws of
7 Hawaii 2016, made a substantial impact on reducing the backlog.
8 However, there are still not adequate forensic testing resources
9 in Hawaii.

10 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding for the State
11 to conduct forensic testing.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 as a
15 grant-in-aid to the city and county of Honolulu for forensic
16 testing resources, including equipment and personnel, for the
17 Honolulu police department.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the city and
2 county of Honolulu for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 as a
6 grant-in-aid to the county of Hawaii for forensic testing
7 resources, including equipment and personnel, for the Hawaii
8 police department.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
10 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 as a
14 grant-in-aid to the county of Maui for forensic testing
15 resources, including equipment and personnel, for the Maui
16 police department.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
18 Maui for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 as a



1 grant-in-aid to the county of Kauai for forensic testing
2 resources, including equipment and personnel, for the Kauai
3 police department.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
5 Kauai for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 2272

Report Title:

Forensic Testing; DNA Testing; Counties; Appropriation; Grant-in-Aid

Description:

Provides funding for the county police departments to conduct forensic testing.

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