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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES
ENFORCEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the division of
2 conservation and resources enforcement of the department of land
3 and natural resources has a broad mandate that includes wildlife
4 protection, resource conservation, boating and fishing
5 enforcement, and maritime patrols. The division also provides
6 port security services to commercial harbors on the islands of
7 Hawaii, Kauai, Lanai, Maui, and Molokai. Conservation and
8 resources enforcement officers engage in maritime search and
9 rescue efforts, conduct vessel inspections to detect and deter
10 criminal activity, and investigate and police the harassment and
11 harm of endangered and federally protected species. The
12 legislature recognizes that additional conservation and
13 resources enforcement officers are needed to ensure the division
14 is able to fulfill all aspects of its mandate in all counties.
15 The legislature also recognizes that the division is in need of
16 new equipment and specialized training.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
2 moneys to the division of conservation and resources enforcement
3 for purchasing equipment, funding training, and establishing
4 twenty full-time equivalent (20.0 FTE) positions.

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
8 purchasing equipment, funding training, and establishing twenty
9 permanent, full-time equivalent (20.0 FTE) positions in the
10 division of conservation and resources enforcement. The moneys
11 shall be allocated as follows:

12 (1) \$ for establishing sixteen permanent, full-
13 time equivalent (16.0 FTE) conservation and resources
14 enforcement officer III positions; provided that four
15 officers shall be assigned to each county;

16 (2) \$ for establishing four permanent, full-time
17 equivalent (4.0 FTE) conservation and resources
18 enforcement officer IV supervisory positions; provided
19 that one supervisory officer shall be assigned to each
20 county;

21 (3) \$ for purchasing four custom patrol vessels;



1 (4) \$ for purchasing eight patrol or tow
2 vehicles; and

3 (5) \$ for training.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
5 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

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Description:

Appropriates moneys to the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement of the Department of Land and Natural Resources for purchasing equipment, funding training, and establishing 20.0 FTE positions.

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