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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish two new  
2 units within the criminal justice division of the department of  
3 the attorney general.

4           SECTION 2. Chapter 28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
5 by adding two new parts to be appropriately designated and to  
6 read as follows:

7           "PART           .   SPECIAL INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION UNIT

8           §28-   Special investigation and prosecution unit. (a)

9 There is established in the department of the attorney general a  
10 special investigation and prosecution unit. The special  
11 investigation and prosecution unit shall consist of attorneys  
12 and other specialized personnel necessary to implement this  
13 section. Each attorney and specialist shall be appointed by the  
14 attorney general who shall fix the attorney's and specialists'  
15 compensation. Every attorney and specialist shall be entitled  
16 to hold the attorney's and specialist's position during good



1 behavior, subject to removal by the attorney general only as  
2 provided in chapter 76.

3 (b) The special investigation and prosecution unit shall:

4 (1) Receive, gather, and analyze information;

5 (2) Develop tactical and strategic intelligence;

6 (3) Assist in control of fraud, white collar crime, and  
7 public corruption;

8 (4) Provide technical assistance and training to county  
9 law enforcement agencies in the detection and  
10 prosecution of fraud and white collar crime; and

11 (5) Provide, with the attorney general's approval,  
12 specialized personnel and technological equipment for  
13 the use of law enforcement agencies in the State with  
14 respect to fraud, white collar crime, and public  
15 corruption.

16 (c) For purposes of this section, "white collar crime"  
17 includes, without limitation, crimes that are financially  
18 motivated and are nonviolent or not directly violent crimes that  
19 are committed by individuals, businesses, and government  
20 professionals.

21 PART . SEX AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNIT



1        §28- Sex and Human Trafficking Unit. (a) There is  
2 established in the department of the attorney general a sex and  
3 human trafficking unit. The sex and human trafficking unit  
4 shall consist of attorneys and other specialized personnel  
5 necessary to implement this section. Each attorney and  
6 specialist shall be appointed by the attorney general who shall  
7 fix the attorney's and specialists' compensation. Every  
8 attorney and specialist shall be entitled to hold the attorney's  
9 and specialist's position during good behavior, subject to  
10 removal by the attorney general only as provided in chapter 76.

11        (b) The sex and human trafficking unit shall:  
12        (1) Receive, gather, and analyze information;  
13        (2) Develop tactical and strategic intelligence;  
14        (3) Assist in control of sex and human trafficking crime;  
15        (4) Provide technical assistance and training to county  
16        law enforcement agencies in the detection and  
17        prosecution of sex and human trafficking crime; and  
18        (5) Provide, with the attorney general's approval,  
19        specialized personnel and technological equipment for  
20        the use of law enforcement agencies in the State with  
21        respect to sex and human trafficking crime."



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$834,000 or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the  
4 operations of the special investigation and prosecution unit of  
5 the department of the attorney general and to establish the  
6 following positions within that unit:

- 7 (1) Two permanent, full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) deputy  
8 attorney general positions;
- 9 (2) Three permanent, full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE)  
10 forensic analyst positions;
- 11 (3) One permanent, full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) legal  
12 assistant position;
- 13 (4) Two permanent, full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE)  
14 investigator positions; and
- 15 (5) One permanent, full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) legal  
16 clerk position.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
18 the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$754,000 or so much  
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the



1 operations of the sex and human trafficking unit of the  
2 department of the attorney general and to establish the  
3 following positions within that unit:

- 4 (1) One permanent, full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
5 supervising deputy attorney general position;
- 6 (2) Two permanent, full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) deputy  
7 attorney general positions;
- 8 (3) One permanent, full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) human  
9 trafficking abatement coordinator position;
- 10 (4) One permanent, full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) human  
11 services professional position;
- 12 (5) Two permanent, full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE)  
13 investigator positions;
- 14 (6) One permanent, full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) legal  
15 assistant position; and
- 16 (7) One permanent, full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) legal  
17 clerk position.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
19 the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

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



**Report Title:**

Government; Department of the Attorney General; Special Investigation and Prosecution Unit; Sex and Human Trafficking Unit; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes and funds two new units within the Department of the Attorney General. Appropriates funds. (SD1)

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