
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the conservation and
2 resources enforcement program of the department of land and
3 natural resources shoulders responsibilities that are integral
4 to preserving the public peace and safety. Specifically, the
5 program is responsible for enforcing laws on public lands and
6 waters of the State.

7 The legislature recognizes that proper training, equipment,
8 and organizational support are imperative to the success of law
9 enforcement officers in the conservation and resources
10 enforcement program. To this end, the department of land and
11 natural resources division of conservation and resources
12 enforcement established an academy to better train law
13 enforcement officers.

14 The legislature further finds that the Commission on
15 Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., created in
16 1979, serves as a law enforcement credentialing authority
17 through collaboration with law enforcement executive



1 associations. Both Honolulu and Maui police departments are
2 accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law
3 Enforcement Agencies, Inc., and the sheriff division of the
4 department of public safety is required to obtain certification
5 pursuant to section 353C-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

6 The legislature further recognizes that the conservation
7 and resources enforcement program was previously required to
8 obtain some certification from the Commission on Accreditation
9 for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. As recently as last year,
10 the conservation and resources enforcement program was required
11 to obtain certification from the Commission on Accreditation for
12 Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., in the use of electric guns, but
13 Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, inadvertently repealed
14 that requirement established in section 134-16(f), Hawaii
15 Revised Statutes.

16 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
17 land and natural resources to seek and obtain accreditation for
18 the conservation and resources enforcement program from the
19 Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 199, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§199- Accreditation required. No later than June 30,
5 2025, the department of land and natural resources shall pursue
6 and obtain accreditation for the conservation and resources
7 enforcement program from the Commission on Accreditation for Law
8 Enforcement Agencies, Inc."

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
12 the department of land and natural resources to pursue and
13 obtain accreditation for the conservation and resources
14 enforcement program from the Commission on Accreditation for Law
15 Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

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

18 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Department of Land and Natural Resources; Division of
Conservation and Resources Enforcement; Law Enforcement;
Accreditation; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to pursue
and obtain accreditation for the Conservation and Resources
Enforcement Program from the Commission on Accreditation for Law
Enforcement Agencies, Inc. Appropriates moneys. Takes effect
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