

JAN 26 2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY IN RURAL DISTRICTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaiian Ocean View
2 Estates, Hawai'i, is one of the fastest-growing subdivisions in
3 the United States, with the 2010 United States Census reporting
4 a population of 4,864, up from 2,178 as reported by the 2000
5 United States Census. The steep growth in population has
6 corresponded with a rise in crime, with many residents reporting
7 concerns of illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles, property crime,
8 and feral dog attacks.

9 The legislature further finds that the Hawai'i police
10 department currently operates out of a police office in the
11 Hawaiian Ocean View Estates subdivision. However, the Hawai'i
12 police department cannot process or book arrestees at the
13 existing office, and the closest Hawai'i police department
14 substation capable of booking and processing is located over
15 fourteen miles away in Nā'ālehu. After an arrestee is detained
16 and booked, they are then transported to the Hilo or Kona police



1 stations for holding. The sheer distance between Hawai'i police
2 department facilities on Hawai'i island has resulted in lengthy
3 response times for Hawai'i police department service in Hawaiian
4 Ocean View Estates, as the same officers assigned to Hawaiian
5 Ocean View Estates must transport arrestees to Nā'ālehu and
6 thereafter Hilo or Kona, preventing them from responding to
7 calls for assistance. The legislature believes that the Hawai'i
8 police department's presence in Hawaiian Ocean View Estates must
9 be expanded to appropriately respond to reports of crime in the
10 area.

11 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
12 funds to the county of Hawaii for the plans, design, and
13 construction of a police substation to serve the Hawaiian Ocean
14 View Estates community.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for a
18 grant-in-aid to the county of Hawaii for the planning, design,
19 and construction of a police substation in Hawaiian Ocean View
20 Estates, Hawaii; provided that no funds shall be made available



1 under this Act unless the county of Hawaii provides matching
2 funds on a dollar-to-dollar basis.

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

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

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 3211

Report Title:

Hawaii County; Police Substation; Grant-in-Aid; Hawaiian Ocean View Estates; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the County of Hawaii for the plans, design, and construction of a Hawaiian Ocean View Estates police substation. Requires the County of Hawaii to match funds appropriated on a dollar-to-dollar basis.

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