
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMUNICATIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to update the
2 statutes regarding the statewide interoperable communications
3 executive committee to reflect the migration of the office of
4 homeland security from the department of defense to the
5 department of law enforcement.

6 SECTION 2. Section 76-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

8 "(b) The civil service to which this chapter applies shall
9 comprise all positions in the State now existing or hereafter
10 established and embrace all personal services performed for the
11 State, except the following:

12 (1) Commissioned and enlisted personnel of the Hawaii
13 National Guard as such, and positions in the Hawaii
14 National Guard that are required by state or federal
15 laws or regulations or orders of the National Guard to



- 1 be filled from those commissioned or enlisted
2 personnel;
- 3 (2) Positions filled by persons employed by contract where
4 the director of human resources development has
5 certified that the service is special or unique or is
6 essential to the public interest and that, because of
7 circumstances surrounding its fulfillment, personnel
8 to perform the service cannot be obtained through
9 normal civil service recruitment procedures. Any such
10 contract may be for any period not exceeding one year;
- 11 (3) Positions that must be filled without delay to comply
12 with a court order or decree if the director
13 determines that recruitment through normal recruitment
14 civil service procedures would result in delay or
15 noncompliance, such as the Felix-Cayetano consent
16 decree;
- 17 (4) Positions filled by the legislature or by either house
18 or any committee thereof;
- 19 (5) Employees in the office of the governor and office of
20 the lieutenant governor, and household employees at
21 Washington Place;



- 1 (6) Positions filled by popular vote;
- 2 (7) Department heads, officers, and members of any board,
3 commission, or other state agency whose appointments
4 are made by the governor or are required by law to be
5 confirmed by the senate;
- 6 (8) Judges, referees, receivers, masters, jurors, notaries
7 public, land court examiners, court commissioners, and
8 attorneys appointed by a state court for a special
9 temporary service;
- 10 (9) One bailiff for the chief justice of the supreme court
11 who shall have the powers and duties of a court
12 officer and bailiff under section 606-14; one
13 secretary or clerk for each justice of the supreme
14 court, each judge of the intermediate appellate court,
15 and each judge of the circuit court; one secretary for
16 the judicial council; one deputy administrative
17 director of the courts; three law clerks for the chief
18 justice of the supreme court, two law clerks for each
19 associate justice of the supreme court and each judge
20 of the intermediate appellate court, one law clerk for
21 each judge of the circuit court, two additional law



1 clerks for the civil administrative judge of the
2 circuit court of the first circuit, two additional law
3 clerks for the criminal administrative judge of the
4 circuit court of the first circuit, one additional law
5 clerk for the senior judge of the family court of the
6 first circuit, two additional law clerks for the civil
7 motions judge of the circuit court of the first
8 circuit, two additional law clerks for the criminal
9 motions judge of the circuit court of the first
10 circuit, and two law clerks for the administrative
11 judge of the district court of the first circuit; and
12 one private secretary for the administrative director
13 of the courts, the deputy administrative director of
14 the courts, each department head, each deputy or first
15 assistant, and each additional deputy, or assistant
16 deputy, or assistant defined in paragraph (16);
17 (10) First deputy and deputy attorneys general, the
18 administrative services manager of the department of
19 the attorney general, one secretary for the
20 administrative services manager, an administrator and
21 any support staff for the criminal and juvenile



1 justice resources coordination functions, and law
2 clerks;

3 (11) (A) Teachers, principals, vice-principals, complex
4 area superintendents, deputy and assistant
5 superintendents, other certificated personnel,
6 [~~not~~] no more than twenty noncertificated
7 administrative, professional, and technical
8 personnel not engaged in instructional work;

9 (B) Effective July 1, 2003, teaching assistants,
10 educational assistants, bilingual/bicultural
11 school-home assistants, school psychologists,
12 psychological examiners, speech pathologists,
13 athletic health care trainers, alternative school
14 work study assistants, alternative school
15 educational/supportive services specialists,
16 alternative school project coordinators, and
17 communications aides in the department of
18 education;

19 (C) The special assistant to the state librarian and
20 one secretary for the special assistant to the
21 state librarian; and



1 (D) Members of the faculty of the University of
2 Hawaii, including research workers, extension
3 agents, personnel engaged in instructional work,
4 and administrative, professional, and technical
5 personnel of the university;

6 (12) Employees engaged in special, research, or
7 demonstration projects approved by the governor;

8 (13) (A) Positions filled by inmates, patients of state
9 institutions, persons with severe physical or
10 mental disabilities participating in the work
11 experience training programs;

12 (B) Positions filled with students in accordance with
13 guidelines for established state employment
14 programs; and

15 (C) Positions that provide work experience training
16 or temporary public service employment that are
17 filled by persons entering the workforce or
18 persons transitioning into other careers under
19 programs such as the federal Workforce Investment
20 Act of 1998, as amended, or the Senior Community
21 Service Employment Program of the Employment and



1 Training Administration of the United States
2 Department of Labor, or under other similar state
3 programs;

4 (14) A custodian or guide at Iolani Palace, the Royal
5 Mausoleum, and Hulihee Palace;

6 (15) Positions filled by persons employed on a fee,
7 contract, or piecework basis, who may lawfully perform
8 their duties concurrently with their private business
9 or profession or other private employment and whose
10 duties require only a portion of their time, if it is
11 impracticable to ascertain or anticipate the portion
12 of time to be devoted to the service of the State;

13 (16) Positions of first deputies or first assistants of
14 each department head appointed under or in the manner
15 provided in section 6, article V, of the Hawaii State
16 Constitution; three additional deputies or assistants
17 either in charge of the highways, harbors, and
18 airports divisions or other functions within the
19 department of transportation as may be assigned by the
20 director of transportation, with the approval of the
21 governor; four additional deputies in the department



1 of health, each in charge of one of the following:
2 behavioral health, environmental health, hospitals,
3 and health resources administration, including other
4 functions within the department as may be assigned by
5 the director of health, with the approval of the
6 governor; two additional deputies in charge of the law
7 enforcement programs, administration, or other
8 functions within the department of law enforcement as
9 may be assigned by the director of law enforcement,
10 with the approval of the governor; three additional
11 deputies each in charge of the correctional
12 institutions, rehabilitation services and programs,
13 and administration or other functions within the
14 department of corrections and rehabilitation as may be
15 assigned by the director of corrections and
16 rehabilitation, with the approval of the governor; an
17 administrative assistant to the state librarian; and
18 an administrative assistant to the superintendent of
19 education;

20 (17) Positions specifically exempted from this part by any
21 other law; provided that:



1 (A) Any exemption created after July 1, 2014, shall
2 expire three years after its enactment unless
3 affirmatively extended by an act of the
4 legislature; and

5 (B) All of the positions defined by paragraph (9)
6 shall be included in the position classification
7 plan;

8 (18) Positions in the state foster grandparent program and
9 positions for temporary employment of senior citizens
10 in occupations in which there is a severe personnel
11 shortage or in special projects;

12 (19) Household employees at the official residence of the
13 president of the University of Hawaii;

14 (20) Employees in the department of education engaged in
15 the supervision of students during meal periods in the
16 distribution, collection, and counting of meal
17 tickets, and in the cleaning of classrooms after
18 school hours on a less than half-time basis;

19 (21) Employees hired under the tenant hire program of the
20 Hawaii public housing authority; provided that not
21 more than twenty-six per cent of the authority's



- 1 workforce in any housing project maintained or
2 operated by the authority shall be hired under the
3 tenant hire program;
- 4 (22) Positions of the federally funded expanded food and
5 nutrition program of the University of Hawaii that
6 require the hiring of nutrition program assistants who
7 live in the areas they serve;
- 8 (23) Positions filled by persons with severe disabilities
9 who are certified by the state vocational
10 rehabilitation office that they are able to perform
11 safely the duties of the positions;
- 12 (24) The sheriff;
- 13 (25) A gender and other fairness coordinator hired by the
14 judiciary;
- 15 (26) Positions in the Hawaii National Guard youth and adult
16 education programs;
- 17 (27) In the state energy office in the department of
18 business, economic development, and tourism, all
19 energy program managers, energy program specialists,
20 energy program assistants, and energy analysts;



- 1 (28) Administrative appeals hearing officers in the
- 2 department of human services;
- 3 (29) In the Med-QUEST division of the department of human
- 4 services, the division administrator, finance officer,
- 5 health care services branch administrator, medical
- 6 director, and clinical standards administrator;
- 7 (30) In the director's office of the department of human
- 8 services, the enterprise officer, information security
- 9 and privacy compliance officer, security and privacy
- 10 compliance engineer, and security and privacy
- 11 compliance analyst;
- 12 (31) The Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services
- 13 coordinator in the executive office on aging;
- 14 (32) In the Hawaii emergency management agency, the
- 15 executive officer, public information officer, civil
- 16 defense administrative officer, branch chiefs, and
- 17 emergency operations center state warning point
- 18 personnel; provided that, for state warning point
- 19 personnel, the director shall determine that
- 20 recruitment through normal civil service recruitment
- 21 procedures would result in delay or noncompliance;



1 (33) The executive director and seven full-time
2 administrative positions of the school facilities
3 authority;

4 (34) Positions in the Mauna Kea stewardship and oversight
5 authority; and

6 [†](35)[†] In the office of homeland security of the department
7 of [~~defense~~] law enforcement, the statewide
8 interoperable communications coordinator.

9 The director shall determine the applicability of this
10 section to specific positions.

11 Nothing in this section shall be deemed to affect the civil
12 service status of any incumbent as it existed on July 1, 1955."

13 SECTION 3. Section 128A-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "~~[†]~~§128A-12~~[†]~~ **Statewide interoperable communications**
16 **executive committee.** There is established within the department
17 of [~~defense~~] law enforcement for administrative purposes the
18 statewide interoperable communications executive committee."

19 SECTION 4. Section 128A-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:



1 "(b) The members of the statewide interoperable
2 communications executive committee shall include the following:

3 (1) The ~~[adjutant general]~~ director of law enforcement or
4 the ~~[adjutant general's]~~ director's designee, who
5 shall serve as the chair of the committee;

6 (2) The attorney general or the attorney general's
7 designee;

8 ~~[(3) The deputy director of the law enforcement division of
9 the department of public safety or the deputy
10 director's designee;~~

11 ~~+(4)]~~ (3) The chairperson of the board of land and natural
12 resources or the chairperson's designee;

13 ~~+(5)]~~ (4) The state chief information officer or the chief
14 information officer's designee;

15 ~~+(6)]~~ (5) The director of transportation or the director's
16 designee;

17 ~~+(7)]~~ (6) The director of health or the director's
18 designee;

19 ~~+(8)]~~ (7) The chairperson of the Hawaii enhanced 911 board
20 or the chairperson's designee; and



1 [~~9~~] (8) Four members at the executive or senior personnel
2 level from the first responder or emergency management
3 agencies from each of the four counties, to be
4 selected by the respective heads of the first
5 responder or emergency management agencies of each
6 county."

7 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050;
10 provided that the amendments made to section 76-16(b), Hawaii
11 Revised Statutes, by section 2 of this Act shall take effect on
12 January 1, 2024, after the amendments made to that section by
13 section 24 of Act 278, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, take effect.



Report Title:

Statewide Interoperable Communications Executive Committee;
Department of Law Enforcement

Description:

Amends provisions related to the Statewide Interoperable Communications Executive Committee to reflect the migration of the Office of Homeland Security from the Department of Defense to the Department of Law Enforcement on 1/1/2024. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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