
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 26-14.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~§~~26-14.8~~§~~ **Department of law enforcement.** (a) The
4 department of law enforcement shall be headed by a single
5 executive to be known as the director of law enforcement.

6 (b) The director of law enforcement shall appoint, without
7 regard to chapter 76, two deputy directors to serve at the
8 director's pleasure. Unless otherwise assigned by the director,
9 one deputy director shall oversee the law enforcement programs
10 of the department of law enforcement and one deputy director
11 shall oversee administration of the department of law
12 enforcement.

13 (c) The department of law enforcement shall be responsible
14 for the formulation and implementation of state policies and
15 objectives for security, law enforcement, and public safety
16 programs and functions, for the service of process, and for the
17 security of state buildings and state land.



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1 (d) There is established within the department of law
 2 enforcement a search and rescue division to conduct search or
 3 rescue operations."

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
 7 the following expenses of the search and rescue division of the
 8 department of law enforcement established pursuant to section 1
 9 of this Act:

- 10 (1) \$ for full-time equivalent (FTE)
- 11 positions;
- 12 (2) \$ for equipment; and
- 13 (3) \$ for supplies.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 15 law enforcement for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
 17 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
 18 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
 19 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state
 20 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be
 21 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the



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1 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund
 2 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further
 3 exceeded by \$ or per cent. The combined total
 4 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these
 5 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling
 6 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
 7 \$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the
 8 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- 9 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
- 10 serve the public interest; and
- 11 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
- 12 addressed by this Act.

13 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
 16 provided that section 2 of this Act shall take effect on July 1,
 17 2024.

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Report Title:

Department of Law Enforcement; Search and Rescue Division;
Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

Description:

Establishes a Search and Rescue Division within the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct search or rescue operations. Appropriates funds.

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