
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE EXPENDITURE CEILING ON THE AUTOMATED VICTIM
INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM SPECIAL FUND.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the statewide
2 automated victim information and notification system,
3 established under section 353-132, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and
4 administered by the department of corrections and
5 rehabilitation's victim notification services office, plays a
6 vital role in ensuring crime victims are promptly informed of
7 changes in an offender's custody status. The statewide
8 automated victim information and notification system provides
9 real-time notifications to victims and community members
10 regarding custody changes, parole hearings, and other key
11 events, and is essential for protecting victims' rights, safety,
12 and peace of mind. Demand for these services continues to grow,
13 with victim registrations increasing by 38.9 per cent between
14 fiscal year 2022-2023 and fiscal year 2024-2025 (from 42,182 to
15 58,606). The statewide automated victim information and
16 notification system is funded through the automated victim



1 information and notification system special fund established
2 under section 353-136, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

3 The legislature further finds that the existing \$600,000
4 annual expenditure cap on the special fund has become outdated
5 and limits the victim notification services office's ability to
6 strengthen victim services, improve system infrastructure, and
7 support operational needs. Payroll costs continue to rise due
8 to collective bargaining increases, but the cap prevents the
9 department of corrections and rehabilitation from adjusting
10 allocations accordingly. As a result, payroll increases reduce
11 available operating funds for operations. Operating expenses
12 have also increased, including contract costs for the system
13 itself, which rose 9.17 per cent in fiscal year 2025-2026 (from
14 \$90,636 to \$98,944) and are projected to grow by three per cent
15 annually in subsequent years. Rent, lease, internet, and
16 telephone costs have also risen.

17 Looking ahead, if all four authorized positions are filled,
18 projected expenditures will exceed the existing statutory
19 expenditure ceiling. The automated victim information and
20 notification system special fund has a cash balance of more than
21 \$1,500,000. Removing the expenditure cap will ensure the victim



1 notification services office can sustain operations demands,
2 support staff salaries, and maintain uninterrupted services
3 statewide.

4 The purpose of this Act is to repeal the \$600,000 annual
5 expenditure ceiling on the automated victim information and
6 notification system special fund.

7 SECTION 2. Section 353-136, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

9 "(e) The sum total of all moneys expended for development
10 and operating expenses, including salaries and benefits of
11 positions as authorized by the legislature, shall not exceed the
12 special fund ceiling related to the fund established by the
13 legislature[; ~~provided that the total moneys expended for these~~
14 ~~purposes shall not exceed \$600,000 in any one fiscal year]."~~

15 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Automated Victim Information and Notification System Special Fund; Expenditure Ceiling

Description:

Repeals the \$600,000 annual expenditure ceiling on the Automated Victim Information and Notification System Special Fund to address rising program costs and growing victim service demands. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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