

JAN 23 2026

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSERVATION ENFORCEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the division of
2 conservation and resources enforcement (DOCARE) of the
3 department of land and natural resources will be launching a new
4 academy in 2026 and that a significant number of the incoming
5 conservation and resources enforcement officers will be assigned
6 to the Hawai'i island branch of DOCARE. The legislature further
7 finds that the Hawai'i island branch is critically short on
8 vehicles, with the majority of its existing fleet well beyond
9 their intended life of service. The legislature also finds that
10 the upcoming DOCARE academy will include additional marine
11 officers, necessitating an additional maritime patrol vessel for
12 the marine unit based in West Hawai'i.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
14 funds for the purchase of equipment for the Hawai'i island branch
15 of DOCARE.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
2 equipment for the Hawaii island branch of the division of
3 conservation and resources enforcement of the department of land
4 and natural resources, to be allocated as follows:

5 (1) \$ for one maritime enforcement patrol
6 vessel, complete with audible and visual emergency
7 equipment; and

8 (2) \$ for twenty police-marked patrol vehicles,
9 complete with audible and visual emergency equipment.

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

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

13 INTRODUCED BY:



S.B. NO. 2756

Report Title:

DLNR; DOCARE; Hawaii Island Branch; Equipment; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the purchase of equipment for the Hawaii Island Branch of the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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