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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

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

1 SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$125,004 or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for one  
4 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) deputy public defender III  
5 position within the office of the public defender (BUF151);  
6 provided that the deputy public defender III shall be assigned  
7 as needed to provide counsel on constitutional and related legal  
8 matters.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the  
10 public defender for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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# S.B. NO. 2919

**Report Title:**

Office of the Public Defender; Position; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Office of the Public Defender for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Deputy Public Defender III position.

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