
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 equipment for the Hawai'i island branch of the division
15 of conservation and resources enforcement of the department of
16 land and natural resources.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,365,000 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
4 equipment for the Hawaii island branch of the division of
5 conservation and resources enforcement of the department of land
6 and natural resources, to be allocated as follows:

7 (1) \$365,000 for one maritime enforcement patrol vessel,
8 complete with audible and visual emergency equipment;
9 and

10 (2) \$2,000,000 for twenty police-marked patrol vehicles,
11 complete with audible and visual emergency equipment.

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

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



S.B. NO. 2756
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

Report Title:

DLNR; DOCARE; Hawaii Island Branch; Equipment; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for equipment for the Hawaii Island Branch of the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. (CD1)

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.

