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S.B. NO. 2569

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation to Upgrade the Telecommunications System of the Honolulu Police Department.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a critical need to upgrade the telecommunications system of the Honolulu police department to enhance public and police officer safety.

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This need is evidenced by the fact that the present communications system is overloaded, cumbersome to operate, does not permit field units to communicate with each other, and provides poor coverage in valleys and high-rise areas. There are insufficient noninterfering frequencies available in the present communications band to resolve these problems. This need is further evidenced by the overall growth of the population and the number of visitors to the island of Oahu, and the ever increasing number of calls for police assistance via the E-911 emergency telephone system.

The solution to these problems is to upgrade the existing system by acquiring a mobile data terminal (MDT) system and a trunking radio system. The MDT system will allow police officers to bypass the dispatcher and gain direct access to the computer data bank. The trunking system will overcome the limitations of the existing radio system and permit future growth. This telecommunications system could be instrumental in coordinating the response by county, state, and federal agencies to disaster or other emergency situations.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 9 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 1990-1991 to be exceeded by \$250,000, or 0.0098 per cent. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public interest and to meet the need provided for by this Act.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1990-1991, for the Honolulu police department to perform a study for the planning, engineering, installation, training, and implementation of a trunking radio system backbone and mobile data terminal system backbone, to be matched by the city and county of Honolulu.

SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the city and county of Honolulu for the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1990.

(Approved June 19, 1990.)