
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
2 public safety's sheriff division provides law enforcement
3 services for the State, executive protection for the governor,
4 lieutenant governor and their families, the legislature, and
5 government officials and employees. The sheriff division also
6 provides emergency, terrorist, and all-disaster response and
7 support services. These services are essential and critical to
8 the health and safety of the community and the economic
9 stability, protection, and justice for the State.

10 Recently, the division was evicted from their office space
11 at the district court on Alakea street and has become extremely
12 fragmented and segregated in its operations. The division was
13 forced to divide its administrative services, warrants, records,
14 supply, and administrator sections into five separate locations
15 within a three-mile radius.

16 The current situation has forced the division to relocate:

17 (1) Administrators in offices located on pier 20 near

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- 1 (2) The administrative services, personnel, and fiscal
2 sections on the fourth floor at 1177 Alakea street;
- 3 (3) The evidence, records, and supply sections on the
4 second floor of 1177 Alakea street;
- 5 (4) The weapons vault on the ground floor at 919 Ala Moana
6 boulevard;
- 7 (5) The warrants, files, and records section on the
8 chamber level at the state capitol;
- 9 (6) The fugitive unit and transports section at pier 20;
10 and
- 11 (7) The receiving section and cell block at district
12 court.

13 These locations were assigned without any consideration for
14 efficiency, office automation, communications, or consistency in
15 operational requirements and office space was acquired by any
16 means possible.

17 No other government agency or business in the private
18 sector operates under these unbearable circumstances and is
19 expected to accomplish their mission effectively.

20 Division administrative functions may take days or weeks to
21 complete because of delays caused by the physical distance
22 between sections. The filing of warrants from the judiciary to



1 various division sections is delayed. Also, inventory
2 management is compounded by unnecessary delays while awaiting
3 approvals, and office automation and communication are often
4 confusing due to the distances between critical operations.

5 The situation has also negatively impacted operations of
6 other government agencies. The location of the armory has
7 raised concerns regarding weapons and ammunition storage from
8 other building occupants and neighbors. Traffic and safety
9 concerns have been elevated at the state capitol while police,
10 sheriffs, and other law enforcement personnel arrive to pick-up
11 original warrants (a requirement of the law) before booking
12 (normally the arrested person waits in the vehicle during this
13 process). The situation has also increased after-hours activity
14 at other government buildings.

15 The division is experiencing other problems with management
16 control, supervision of personnel, training, and other
17 operational requirements that have been stymied due to travel
18 time and parking problems from one location to another.

19 The legislature also finds that the renovation of
20 unoccupied buildings and property off Lagoon drive at the old
21 Greyhound facility, which is under the jurisdiction of the
22 department of transportation, near the airport would resolve the



1 division's housing problems. This facility is located on
2 airport property and would enable the division to properly
3 consolidate its operations, provide management control, and
4 improve office automation and communication. The location is
5 relatively isolated and reasonably close to downtown Honolulu,
6 which makes this site perfect for sheriff division operations.

7 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the issuance of
8 general obligation bonds to renovate the old Greyhound facility
9 near the airport to relocate and consolidate the operations of
10 the sheriff division.

11 Furthermore, this Act also requires the governor to
12 transfer jurisdiction over the location from the department of
13 transportation to the department of public safety.

14 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
15 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$2,815,000, or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary, and the same sum, or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for fiscal year
18 2006-2007, for the purpose of renovating the old Greyhound
19 facility near the airport to relocate and consolidate the
20 operations of the sheriff division of the department of public
21 safety. The funds shall be expended as follows:



1	Design	\$ 175,000
2	Construction	2,200,000
3	Equipment	<u>440,000</u>
4	Total cost	\$2,815,000

5 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital
6 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
7 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
8 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
9 unencumbered as of June 30, 2008, shall lapse as of that date.

10 SECTION 4. The governor shall rescind any and all
11 executive orders that may have placed the land at the old
12 Greyhound facility under the jurisdiction of the department of
13 transportation. The governor shall instead order that
14 jurisdiction over the land be transferred to the department of
15 public safety.

16 SECTION 5. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
17 department of public safety for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.



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Report Title:

Public Safety; GO Bonds

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to renovate the old Greyhound facility near the airport to relocate and consolidate the operations of the sheriff division. Requires the governor to transfer jurisdiction over the land from DOT to DPS. (HD1)

