
A BILL FOR AN ACT

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PURCHASE THE OLD GREY HOUND FACILITY TO RELOCATE AND CONSOLIDATE THE OPERATIONS OF THE SHERIFF DIVISION.

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
4 legislature, governor, lieutenant governor and their families,
5 and government officials and employees. The sheriff division
6 also 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:



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

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

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



1 Division administrative functions may take days or weeks to
2 complete because of delays caused by the physical distance
3 between sections. The filing of warrants from the judiciary to
4 various division sections is delayed. Also, inventory
5 management is compounded by unnecessary delays while awaiting
6 approvals, and office automation and communication are often
7 confusing due to the distances between critical operations.

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

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



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

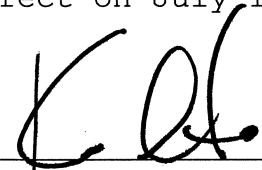
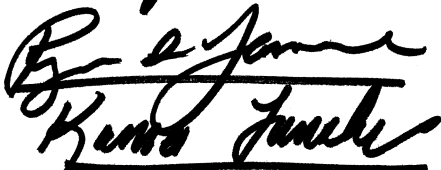
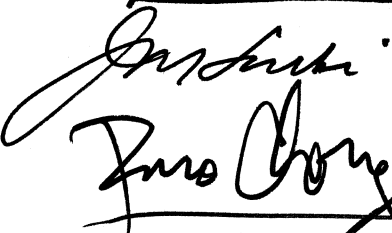


4 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital
5 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
6 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
7 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
8 unencumbered as of June 30, 2008, shall lapse as of that date.

9 SECTION 4. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
10 department of public safety for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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HB 2997

Report Title:

GO Bonds; Sheriff Division

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to purchase the old grey hound facility near the airport to relocate and consolidate the operations of the sheriff division.

