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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII YOUTH  
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

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

1           SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for  
2 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4           SECTION 2. Act 178, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, provided  
5 an appropriation of \$6,278,187 to the department of human  
6 services, office of youth services, to operate the Hawaii youth  
7 correctional facility for fiscal year 2005-2006. On August 4,  
8 2005, the United States Department of Justice released a report  
9 on the findings of its Civil Rights Division's investigation of  
10 the conditions of confinement at the Hawaii youth correctional  
11 facility. Given the serious nature of the findings, the  
12 governor is taking immediate action to fund improvements at the  
13 Hawaii youth correctional facility. Some of the remedial  
14 actions that the United States Department of Justice report  
15 recommends have already been put into place. The implementation  
16 of these remedial measures and associated overtime costs are the  
17 primary factors leading to the present budget shortfall.



1           The fiscal year 2005-2006 budget for the office of youth  
2 services, Hawaii youth correctional facility, did not include  
3 funding for any remedial actions at the facility, as a budget  
4 for remedial actions could not be compiled until after the  
5 United States Department of Justice report was issued.

6           While a negotiated settlement with the United States  
7 Department of Justice is anticipated at this time, it is  
8 apparent that improvements must be made in policies, procedures,  
9 and practices in the areas of suicide prevention and precaution,  
10 reporting of staff abuse and assaults, staff training, improved  
11 access to medical and mental health information, and special  
12 education services and vocational training.

13           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate additional  
14 general fund moneys to allow the department of human services,  
15 office of youth services, to continue to improve operations at  
16 the Hawaii youth correctional facility.

17           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,679,091, or so  
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2005-2006, to  
20 be used for the Hawaii youth correctional facility.

1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
2 human services for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



SB2334, SD2, HD2, CD1

**Report Title:**

HYCF; Emergency Appropriation

**Description:**

Makes an emergency appropriation to the Hawaii Youth  
Correctional Facility. (CD1)

