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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR  
THE GATE MONEY PROGRAM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that approximately three  
2 hundred inmates of the seven hundred or more inmates released  
3 each year on parole do not have adequate funds for food,  
4 clothing, and bus passes. It has been the practice of the  
5 Hawaii Paroling Authority to provide up to \$200 to inmates in  
6 need of emergency funds, commonly known as "gate money," for  
7 this purpose. In recent years, the amount of gate money has  
8 steadily declined due to other administrative demands.

9           According to the Hawaii Paroling Authority, the parole  
10 population has risen from 1,804 on July 1, 1997, to 2,622 as of  
11 July 1, 2003, a thirty-one per cent increase. With a steadily  
12 increasing parole population coupled with inherent challenges  
13 faced by the paroled prisoner attempting to successfully  
14 reintegrate back into the community, gate money becomes a  
15 critical component of transition from incarceration to freedom.

16           The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation for the  
17 provision of gate money to newly paroled inmates.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$60,000, or so much  
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for the  
 4 "gate money" program.

5 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the  
 6 department of public safety for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.  
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**SB. NO. 2698**

**Report Title:**

Public Safety; Prisons; Gate Money

**Description:**

Makes appropriation to the department of public safety to provide "gate money" to just released inmates for food, clothing, and bus passes.

