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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

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

1           SECTION 1. When the federal weed and seed initiative was  
2 in effect at Mayor Wright homes public housing complex several  
3 years ago, residents saw a significant improvement in their  
4 neighborhood. However, the conditions at Mayor Wright homes  
5 public housing complex have deteriorated. The complex was  
6 recently the site of a shooting, and has experienced  
7 disturbances between the tenants and their neighbors. In  
8 addition, there have been several instances of public  
9 drunkenness and excessive noise.

10           The purpose of this Act is to improve security measures at  
11 Mayor Wright homes public housing complex by:

12           (1) Appropriating funds for the contract hiring of at  
13           least three additional security guards, police  
14           officers, or public safety officers with police  
15           powers; and

16           (2) Requiring the Hawaii public housing authority to  
17           submit a report to the legislature on the progress of



1 security improvements at Mayor Wright homes public  
2 housing complex.

3 SECTION 2. The Hawaii public housing authority shall  
4 submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty days  
5 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2009 on the  
6 progress of security improvements at Mayor Wright homes public  
7 housing complex, including:

- 8 (1) The actions taken to improve the safety and security  
9 of the residents of Mayor Wright homes;
- 10 (2) The plans made with the management of Mayor Wright  
11 homes, its tenants, and other stakeholders to further  
12 improve security at Mayor Wright homes;
- 13 (3) An estimate of the number of additional security  
14 officers required to ensure the safety of the tenants  
15 and guests of Mayor Wright homes on a twenty-four hour  
16 basis; and
- 17 (4) Any other findings and recommendations, including  
18 proposed legislation, regarding the security situation  
19 at Mayor Wright homes.

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$235,582 or so much  
22 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the



1 contract hiring of at least three additional security guards,  
2 police officers, or public safety officers with police powers at  
3 Mayor Wright homes public housing complex.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii public  
5 housing authority for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



**Report Title:**

Mayor Wright Homes; Security Appropriation; Report

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the contract hiring of at least three full-time security guards, police officers, or public safety officers with police powers at Mayor Wright Homes public housing complex. Requires a report to the Legislature on the progress of security improvements at Mayor Wright Homes. (HB2735 HD1)

