
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AUTOMOBILE THEFT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that automobile theft is
2 a significant problem in the city and county of Honolulu. Other
3 jurisdictions facing this problem have implemented car-baiting
4 programs, which have drastically reduced the number and
5 frequency of such thefts. Car-baiting programs use "bait cars,"
6 specially modified vehicles planted by police in areas reputed
7 to have a high rate of automobile thefts. These vehicles are
8 equipped with features including global-positioning system
9 tracking and hidden cameras that record audio and video, time,
10 and date. They also have the ability to remotely monitor a
11 variety of vehicle sensors and control a vehicle by disabling
12 the engine and locking the doors. Because suspects are not
13 enticed to steal the vehicle by any means other than its
14 availability and their own volition, car-baiting does not
15 constitute entrapment.

16 The purpose of this Act is to make a grant-in-aid to the
17 city and county of Honolulu to establish a temporary car-baiting
18 pilot program to alleviate the problem of automobile theft on



1 Oahu. In developing the car-baiting program, the Honolulu
2 police department shall clarify that the program does not
3 constitute entrapment.

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and
7 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
8 year 2008-2009 as a grant-in-aid to the city and county of
9 Honolulu police department to establish a temporary car-baiting
10 pilot program to reduce the number and frequency of automobile
11 thefts in the city and county of Honolulu. The car-baiting
12 pilot program shall be operational by July 1, 2008 and shall
13 cease to operate on June 30, 2009.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the city and
15 county of Honolulu for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112,
17 provided that the Act shall be repealed on June 30, 2009.



Report Title:

Car Baiting ; Grant-In-Aid to the City and County of Honolulu

Description:

Appropriates funds for a grant-in-aid to the city and county of Honolulu to establish car-baiting pilot program designed to reduce automobile theft on Oahu. (HB323 HD1)

