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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A CITIZENS POLICE TRAINING PROGRAM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Mililani Town  
2 Anti-Drug Committee and Mililani neighborhood board and  
3 neighborhood security watch members agree that appropriate  
4 volunteer training and the cooperation of local residents are  
5 important elements in a law enforcement agency's ability to  
6 fight neighborhood drug and crime problems. The existing  
7 Citizens Police Academy is an interactive program of the  
8 Honolulu police department that educates the public about police  
9 policy, operational procedures, the criminal justice system, and  
10 methods of crime reduction. The program establishes a  
11 partnership that allows residents of Oahu and members of the  
12 Honolulu police department to share ideas and information and to  
13 interact in a positive, proactive manner.

14           The Citizens Police Academy program, currently conducted  
15 primarily at the Honolulu police department's headquarters in  
16 downtown Honolulu, educates the public on law enforcement issues  
17 that include: firearms, police communications, report writing,



1 vehicle operations, domestic violence, crime scene  
2 investigation, and community policing.

3       The legislature further finds that participation in a  
4 program such as the Citizens Police Academy often results in  
5 increased citizen participation in the fight against  
6 neighborhood drug crimes based upon a broader understanding of  
7 the issues. Making education and training sessions such as the  
8 Citizens Police Academy available to Oahu residents in their own  
9 communities would create an educated citizenry that would more  
10 effectively work with law enforcement officers to combat drug  
11 and crime issues affecting their respective neighborhoods.

12       The purpose of this Act is to provide an appropriation for  
13 a grant-in-aid to the Honolulu police department to conduct the  
14 Citizens Police Academy program at least one time per year in a  
15 community on Oahu that expresses active interest in educating  
16 and training its residents to fight neighborhood crime and drug  
17 problems.

18       SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$       , or so much  
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, as a  
21 grant-in-aid to the Honolulu police department of the city and  
22 county of Honolulu to conduct a Citizens Police Academy program



1 at least once per year in a location conveniently accessible to  
 2 residents of Oahu, particularly in communities that seek to  
 3 expand citizen participation in fighting neighborhood crimes  
 4 through a broad understanding of law enforcement issues. The  
 5 Citizens Police Academy shall cover topics currently covered at  
 6 the program conducted at the headquarters of the Honolulu police  
 7 department and shall also educate program participants on the  
 8 constraints encountered by law enforcement agencies when  
 9 investigating drug crimes and other crimes, including relevant  
 10 laws.

11 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the  
 12 Honolulu police department of the city and county of Honolulu  
 13 for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.  
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**Report Title:**

Grant-in-aid; Citizens Police Academy; Leeward Residents

**Description:**

Appropriates funds as a grant-in-aid to the Honolulu police department for a citizens police training program to be conducted at least once a year in a location convenient to Oahu residents, particularly in communities seeking to expand citizen participation in fighting neighborhood crime.

