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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. Violence and  
6 intimidation are commonplace as are disturbances between the  
7 tenants and their neighbors. In addition, there are recurring  
8 instances of public drunkenness and excessive noise.

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

- 11           (1) Appropriating funds for the contract hiring of at  
12 least three additional security guards, police  
13 officers, or public safety officers with police  
14 powers; and
- 15           (2) Requiring the Hawaii public housing authority to  
16 submit a report to the legislature on the progress of  
17 security improvements at Mayor Wright homes public  
18 housing complex.



1           SECTION 2. The Hawaii public housing authority shall  
2 submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty days  
3 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2010 on the  
4 progress of measures to improve security at Mayor Wright homes  
5 public housing complex, including:

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

18           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$235,582 or so much  
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 for the  
21 contract hiring of at least three additional security guards,



1 police officers, or public safety officers with police powers at  
2 Mayor Wright homes public housing complex.

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

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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**Report Title:**

Mayor Wright Homes; Security Appropriation; Report

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the contract hiring of at least 3 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.

