
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SHERIFF.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the sheriff division
2 of the department of public safety shoulders responsibilities
3 that are integral to preserving the public peace and safety.
4 Specifically, the division:

5 (1) Serves and protects the public, government officials,
6 and state personnel and property under its
7 jurisdiction, including at state facilities, lands,
8 airports, and within the jurisdictional boundaries of
9 the State of Hawaii, by providing law enforcement
10 services that incorporate patrols, surveillance, and
11 educational activities;

12 (2) Protects state judges and judicial proceedings,
13 secures judicial facilities, safely handles detained
14 persons, and provides secure transport for persons in
15 custody; and

16 (3) Executes arrest warrants for the judiciary and the
17 Hawaii paroling authority.



1 The purpose of this Act is to establish a transition task
2 force to initiate the planning process for the creation of a
3 department of the sheriff that would assume the duties and
4 functions of the sheriff division of the department of public
5 safety.

6 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a transition task
7 force to create a plan to establish a new department of the
8 sheriff with functions presently existing under the department
9 of public safety and other functions deemed appropriate,
10 including the broad functions provided in section 3 of this Act.
11 The plan shall also include a process for implementation of that
12 plan.

13 (b) The transition task force shall consist of the
14 following members:

- 15 (1) The director of public safety, or the director's
16 designee, to serve as chair;
- 17 (2) The director of human resources development, or the
18 director's designee;
- 19 (3) The director of finance, or the director's designee;
- 20 (4) The attorney general, or the attorney general's
21 designee;



1 (5) The administrator of the courts, or the
2 administrator's designee; and

3 (6) The head of the Hawaii government employees
4 association, or the head's designee.

5 (c) The task force shall report to the legislature not
6 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
7 session of 2012 its findings and recommendations, including cost
8 estimates to establish the department of the sheriff.

9 SECTION 3. For purposes of developing the plan to
10 establish the department of the sheriff pursuant to section 2 of
11 this Act, the task force shall consider the inclusion of the
12 following broad functions in that department:

13 (1) Preserving the public peace, prevent crime, detect and
14 arrest offenders against the law, protect the rights
15 of persons and property, and enforce and prevent
16 violation of all laws and administrative rules of the
17 State as the sheriff deems to be necessary or
18 desirable or, upon request, to assist other state
19 officers or agencies that have primary administrative
20 responsibility over specific subject matters or
21 programs;



- 1 (2) Providing for the protection and safety of the people
- 2 of Hawaii through law enforcement at state facilities,
- 3 lands, harbors, and airports, and within the
- 4 jurisdictional boundaries of the State;
- 5 (3) Receiving and processing arrestees at the district and
- 6 circuit courts and for the neighbor islands, at the
- 7 respective county police department receiving desks,
- 8 and transporting them to appropriate agencies and
- 9 authorized individuals;
- 10 (4) Training, equipping, maintaining, and supervising the
- 11 force of deputy sheriffs and other employees of the
- 12 department; and
- 13 (5) Performing other law enforcement activities as may be
- 14 required by law, including the service of warrants.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Department of the Sheriff; Task Force

Description:

Creates a task force to plan for the establishment of a department of the sheriff to assume responsibilities and functions exercised by the sheriff division of the department of public safety. Report to legislature. (SD1)

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