

# S.B. NO. 2865

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT  
MAXIMIZATION SPECIAL FUND.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 353C-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3           "(b) Moneys in the federal reimbursement maximization  
4 special fund shall be used by the department [~~to meet the state  
5 match requirement for federal grants and costs associated with  
6 federal grant reporting requirements, including administrative  
7 expenses such as the creation and hiring of temporary staff, and  
8 for any other purpose deemed necessary by the department for  
9 maintaining existing federal grants as well as pursuing federal  
10 grants.] for the following purposes:~~

11           (1) To meet the state match requirement for federal grants  
12           and costs associated with federal grant reporting  
13           requirements, including administrative expenses such  
14           as the hiring of temporary staff;

15           (2) For any other purpose deemed necessary by the  
16           department for maintaining existing federal grants as  
17           well as pursuing federal grants;

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- 1        (3) To hire consultants to provide training for
- 2                corrections officers;
- 3        (4) To hire consultants to conduct facility or program
- 4                evaluations;
- 5        (5) To rent or purchase vehicles to transport inmates;
- 6        (6) To provide pre-release and reentry programs;
- 7        (7) To improve technology; and
- 8        (8) To develop a plan for workforce recruitment and
- 9                retention."

10        SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12        SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

BY REQUEST

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**Report Title:**

Department of Public Safety Federal Reimbursements

**Description:**

Expands the allowed use of the Federal Reimbursement Maximization Special Fund to reflect United States Department of Justice approved uses.

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## JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT MAXIMIZATION SPECIAL FUND.

PURPOSE: This bill expands the allowed uses of funds deposited into the Federal Reimbursement Maximization Special Fund to include those identified and approved by the United States Department of Justice.

MEANS: Amend section 353C-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The Federal Reimbursement Maximization Special Fund was established by Act 172, Session Laws of Hawaii 2001, for the purpose of depositing all federal reimbursements received by the Department relating to the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ).

The existing statute, as written, restricts the use of these funds to state match to federal grants. Since Act 172 was enacted, the DOJ has developed rules that allow expanded use of the funds for correctional purposes. As federal grant opportunities are diminishing, it would greatly benefit the Department to access these funds for other pressing needs.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the Department and other agencies: This measure will allow federal reimbursement funds be used for additional purposes that further the goals of corrections, such as providing training for officers and purchasing much needed transportation vehicles.

GENERAL FUNDS: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION: PSD 900.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012.