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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SHERIFFS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the state sheriff  
2 division is an essential component of maintaining public safety,  
3 as the sheriff division is responsible for maintaining the  
4 peace, protecting all persons and property under the control of  
5 the judiciary, and carrying out law enforcement services for all  
6 state facilities. Established by King Kamehameha III in 1846,  
7 the state sheriff is the oldest law enforcement organization in  
8 Hawaii. By 1905, police departments were created in each  
9 county, and they were led by elected sheriffs.

10           The legislature further finds that the state sheriff  
11 division has never had permanent or centrally located  
12 headquarters. Currently, the sheriff division has sheriffs  
13 located at various places on Oahu, including at Pier 20,  
14 Honolulu International Airport, first circuit court, and the  
15 state capitol. A permanent headquarters would enable the  
16 sheriff division to carry out its duties more effectively,  
17 better serve and protect the people and property of Hawaii, and



1 have a central and permanent location for people to contact the  
2 sheriff division when help is needed.

3 The legislature additionally finds that there has been  
4 longstanding support for this issue in the senate, as  
5 demonstrated by S.R. No. 56, adopted by the senate in 2008. Now  
6 it is time for the legislature to take further initiative on the  
7 matter and assist with moving toward identification of a central  
8 location for a sheriff division headquarters.

9 The purpose of this Act is to require the executive branch  
10 to identify an appropriate property on which to build a  
11 permanent headquarters for the sheriff division so that the  
12 Hawaii state sheriffs are able to carry out their duties to the  
13 best of their abilities when serving the health, safety, and  
14 welfare of all people in this State.

15 SECTION 2. The governor, in consultation with the  
16 department of public safety, shall identify a permanent central  
17 location for a headquarters for the sheriff division by  
18 December 31, 2015, so that any necessary funding can be included  
19 in the next biennium budget for the planning, design, and  
20 construction of the headquarters.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on December 31,  
2 2015.



**Report Title:**

Sheriff Division; Headquarters; Site Location

**Description:**

Requires the identification of a central location for a headquarters for the sheriff division by December 31, 2015. Effective December 31, 2015. (SD1)

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