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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The State of Hawaii employs numerous  
2 individuals whose responsibilities include law enforcement.  
3 Many state departments, including the department of public  
4 safety, department of transportation, department of land and  
5 natural resources, and department of the attorney general,  
6 employ individuals who maintain police powers and are often  
7 called upon to perform law enforcement duties and  
8 investigations. Some of these individuals include harbor police  
9 officers of the department of transportation, deputy sheriffs of  
10 the department of public safety, and division of conservation  
11 and resources' enforcement officers of the department of land  
12 and natural resources. However, no standardized law enforcement  
13 training for all state employees with law enforcement duties  
14 currently exists, thus requiring some state departments to hire  
15 personnel from other law enforcement agencies who have already  
16 received law enforcement training from those elsewhere. This  
17 results in a limited pool of applicants from which personnel can



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1 be hired, thereby creating vacancies in these departments. The  
2 legislature finds that creating a state law enforcement training  
3 academy would help in recruiting personnel for law enforcement  
4 positions within state government as well as standardize law  
5 enforcement training among various state departments and  
6 agencies.

7 The purpose of this Act is to establish a state law  
8 enforcement training academy within the department of public  
9 safety.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 353C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and  
12 to read as follows:

13 "PART . STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY

14 §353C- State law enforcement training academy;

15 established. (a) The state law enforcement training academy is  
16 established within the department of public safety for the  
17 training of all candidates to become law enforcement officers in  
18 the State and the retraining of current law enforcement officers  
19 in the State. The state law enforcement training academy shall  
20 be maintained and operated by the department.



1 (b) The director shall administer the state law  
2 enforcement training academy and shall establish standards for  
3 admission and courses of training. The director shall adopt  
4 rules under chapter 91 relating to:

5 (1) The admission, education, physical standards, and  
6 personal character of the trainees; and

7 (2) Such other rules that are not inconsistent with law.

8 §353C- Location of training academy. The state law  
9 enforcement training academy shall be located in Waipahu, Oahu,  
10 at the present location of the Honolulu police department  
11 training academy, unless the director with the consent of the  
12 governor determines a more suitable alternate site.

13 §353C- Persons admissible to training academy;  
14 qualifications. All persons admitted to the state law  
15 enforcement training academy shall:

16 (1) Be a candidate to become a duly sworn law enforcement  
17 officer of the State as verified by the department to  
18 which the candidate has applied;

19 (2) Meet all the qualifications necessary to be appointed  
20 as a duly sworn law enforcement officer of the State



- 1           for the particular position the individual is a  
2           candidate for;
- 3           (3) Be a citizen of the United States and a resident of  
4           the State; and
- 5           (4) Be certified by a physician as being physically and  
6           mentally sound on an examination made within one month  
7           prior to the acceptance of the person's candidacy.

8           §353C-       Certificate of completion of training course.  
9           Upon the satisfactory completion of the prescribed course of  
10          training, the director shall issue to each candidate a  
11          certification of the candidate's qualifications for appointment.

12          §353C-       Expenses of academy; compensation for training.  
13          No tuition fee or any other charge shall be assessed against any  
14          department or agency for the training of any candidate and the  
15          expense of that training shall be borne by the department of  
16          public safety."

17          SECTION 3. The director of public safety shall submit a  
18          report to the governor and legislature with its findings and  
19          recommendations relating to a plan for the state law enforcement  
20          training academy not later than December 31, 2017.

1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the  
 4 establishment of the state law enforcement training academy.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
 6 public safety for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.  
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**Report Title:**

Law Enforcement; Training Academy; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a State Law Enforcement Training Academy within the Department of Public Safety to train all candidates for law enforcement positions in the State. Appropriates funds.

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