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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A SHOOTING FACILITY IN WEST HAWAII  
ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii island  
2 residents acquire six thousand firearms each year, adding to the  
3 estimated quarter million guns currently in their possession.  
4 Ninety per cent of those firearms are rifles and pistols, for  
5 which no safe, legal, and publicly accessible shooting facility  
6 exists. At risk of arrest and gun confiscation, Hawaii island  
7 firearms owners are left to discharge their legally owned  
8 firearms at numerous makeshift shooting ranges where personal  
9 injury and property damage have occurred, and remain major  
10 concerns.

11           The legislature also finds that the development of a legal  
12 public shooting facility on Hawaii island has been discussed for  
13 several decades. In 2004, Hawaii island residents formed a  
14 working group to determine user requirements for an island  
15 shooting facility, and to initiate effort towards its  
16 development. Working group participants later incorporated as a



1 nonprofit organization to better assist development of a public  
2 shooting facility. In 2005, a barren lava field in the  
3 Puuanahulu state game management area on the northeast boundary  
4 of the Puuanahulu landfill, and south of the Blue Hawaiian  
5 heliport, was selected as site for the proposed public shooting  
6 facility. Between 2012 and 2015, three sound tests and two  
7 public hearings were conducted to gauge community support. The  
8 development of a public shooting facility elicited unanimous  
9 public support at the public hearings.

10 The purpose of this Act is to continue development of a  
11 Hawaii island public shooting facility by funding public  
12 outreach, planning, and an environmental impact statement.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$800,000 or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for public  
16 outreach, planning, and an environmental impact statement for a  
17 public shooting facility in west Hawaii on the island of Hawaii.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
19 accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.



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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Appropriates funds for public outreach, planning, and an environmental impact statement for a Hawaii island public shooting facility.

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