
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND
RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The department of land and natural resources'
2 division of conservation and resources enforcement enforces the
3 laws under the jurisdiction of the department of land and
4 natural resources. By so doing, the division serves a vital
5 function to protect, conserve, and manage Hawaii's unique and
6 limited natural, cultural, and historic resources that are held
7 in public trust for current and future generations of visitors
8 and residents.

9 The legislature finds that the variety and vastness of the
10 geography and terrain of the various islands are challenging.
11 Compounding the challenges is the fact that over the years the
12 department of land and natural resources has acquired thousands
13 of acres of new land and numerous statutory and regulatory
14 responsibilities to police, without a commensurate increase in
15 the size of enforcement abilities. The division of conservation
16 and resources enforcement has been unable to fill vacant officer
17 positions due to a lack of ability to fund start-up costs to



1 support enforcement personnel, including in-service training
2 expenses, operating supplies, office furniture, utility
3 expenses, office furniture, broadband capabilities, and
4 computers and printers.

5 The legislature further finds that the lack of sufficient
6 non-personnel operational costs has left the department unable
7 to safeguard officers and enable them to effectively and
8 efficiently enforce laws and regulations, including through the
9 provision of uniforms, body armor, duty gear,
10 telecommunications, training and travel, mobile and portable
11 radios, laptop computers, miscellaneous equipment, rifles and
12 shotguns, emergency lights and sirens, night vision goggles, and
13 vehicle and vessel fuel, oil, maintenance, and repair.

14 The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation to the
15 division of conservation and resources enforcement for personnel
16 services, current expenses, equipment, and motor vehicles.

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,000,000 or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
20 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
21 2016-2017 for personnel services, current expenses, equipment,



1 and motor vehicles of the division of conservation and resources
2 enforcement.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
4 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.



Report Title:

DLNR; Appropriation; DOCARE

Description:

Makes an appropriation for personnel services, current expenses, equipment, and motor vehicles of the division of conservation and resources enforcement. (SD1)

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