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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 legislature finds that the state sheriff
2 division provides security and law enforcement response for all
3 state judiciary facilities. On the Kona/Kohala side of the
4 island of Hawaii, the sheriff division is responsible for the
5 main courthouse in Kona as well as physically separate locations
6 for drug and family court. The sheriff division is also
7 responsible for the courthouses in Hilo and Waimea. This vast
8 geographical area of control makes it difficult for the sheriff
9 division to effectively and efficiently supervise line deputies
10 and provide necessary services. Currently, there is only a
11 single lieutenant in the division whose responsibility it is to
12 supervise these courts.

13 The legislature finds that the current level of staffing in
14 the sheriff division on the island of Hawaii, particularly in
15 the Kona unit, is inadequate for the sheriff division to
16 properly perform its duties. Further, the legislature finds



1 that the sheriff division Kona unit would be more effective and
2 efficient with proper staffing.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 4 (1) Establish one full-time equivalent permanent
5 lieutenant position in the Kona unit of the sheriff
6 division within the department of public safety; and
7 (2) Appropriate funds for the initial six-month hiring
8 period and for one-time costs for the purchase of
9 position-related uniforms and equipment, with the
10 intention that funds for the position will be included
11 and requested within the department's base budget for
12 subsequent years at a rate equivalent to the base
13 salary for the position as determined by the
14 department.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$46,319 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the
18 hiring of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent
19 lieutenant position in the Kona unit of the sheriff division
20 within the department of public safety for the initial six-month
21 hiring period and for one-time costs for the purchase of



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1 position-related uniforms and equipment; provided that funds for
 2 the position shall be included and requested within the
 3 department's base budget for subsequent years at a rate
 4 equivalent to the base salary for the position as determined by
 5 the department.

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

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.
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Report Title:

Law Enforcement; Sheriff Division; Kona Unit; Permanent Lieutenant Position; Appropriation

Description:

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