
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE CAPITOL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that increasing threats
2 to public safety have warranted increased security measures at
3 many federal, state, and county facilities. These security
4 measures include the installation of metal detectors and
5 screening to prevent incidents of gun violence that are now
6 common throughout the United States, as well as the erection of
7 vehicular barriers to prevent incidents such as the bombing of
8 Oklahoma City's Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building that occurred
9 in 1995.

10 The legislature finds that more than fifty years ago,
11 Hawaii's state capitol and the surrounding capitol district were
12 designed to stand as a proud symbol of Hawaii's state
13 government. It was intended for the design to provide easy
14 public access to elected officials, a value of great importance
15 to our democracy. However, ease of access must be tempered with
16 protecting against modern threats and preserving the safety of
17 visitors and those who work in the state capitol.



1 The legislature finds that currently there are no
2 meaningful security measures in place to restrict weapons,
3 explosives, or vehicular access at the Hawaii state capitol.

4 The purpose of this Act is to begin reasonable preventative
5 short-term and long-term measures to protect public safety while
6 also preserving, to the extent possible, public access at the
7 Hawaii state capitol, rather than wait for a tragic incident and
8 loss of life to occur before action is taken.

9 SECTION 2. The department of accounting and general
10 services, in consultation with the legislature and any agencies
11 responsible for security at the state capitol and Washington
12 Place, shall develop and implement an enhanced security plan
13 that:

- 14 (1) Ensures safety at the state capitol by screening
15 visitors for weapons while preserving public access;
- 16 (2) Prevents surface level unauthorized vehicular access
17 to the state capitol and surrounding grounds while
18 preserving the viewplanes and the historic character
19 of the capitol district;



- 1 (3) Prevents unauthorized vehicular access to the
- 2 underground state capitol parking garage by moving
- 3 public parking to a new location; and
- 4 (4) Includes plans and designs for a new, secured
- 5 underground public parking facility and an above-
- 6 ground mall between Beretania Street, Punchbowl
- 7 Street, and Washington Place that shall replace, in
- 8 one or more phases, the unsecured above-ground parking
- 9 and asbestos-laden structure currently occupied by the
- 10 department of health; provided that any plans
- 11 developed and implemented pursuant to this subsection
- 12 shall eliminate elevated structures on site to prevent
- 13 an elevated line of sight into Washington Place or the
- 14 state capitol that would compromise the security of
- 15 those facilities; provided further that any plans
- 16 developed and implemented pursuant to this subsection
- 17 shall expand safer public access to the state capitol
- 18 while also preserving the viewplanes and historic
- 19 character of the capitol district.

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
2 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
3 2020-2021 to begin implementation of short-term improvements and
4 planning for any long-term improvements described in section 2,
5 including:

6 (1) Planning, design, and installation of metal detectors,
7 screening stations, and related equipment and
8 improvements;

9 (2) Planning, design, and installation of vehicle barriers
10 and related site and ground improvements incorporated
11 appropriately into the landscape;

12 (3) Planning and design for the redesign and
13 reconstruction of state capitol parking facilities to
14 prevent unauthorized vehicular access and relocate
15 public parking from the state capitol to another site;

16 (4) Planning and design for a new secured underground
17 public parking facility and an above-ground mall
18 between Beretania Street, Punchbowl Street, and
19 Washington Place that shall replace, in one or more
20 phases, the unsecured above-ground parking and
21 asbestos-laden structure currently occupied by the



1 department of health; provided that any plans
 2 developed and implemented shall eliminate elevated
 3 structures on site to prevent an elevated line of
 4 sight into Washington Place or the state capitol that
 5 would compromise the security of those facilities;
 6 provided further that any plans developed and
 7 implemented shall expand safer public access to the
 8 state capitol while preserving the viewplanes and
 9 historic character of the capitol district; and
 10 (5) Hiring or contracting full-time equivalent (
 11 FTE) security personnel positions.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 13 of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
 15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
 17 sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for
 18 fiscal year 2020-2021 for the department of accounting and
 19 general services to plan and implement security improvements,
 20 including the planning, design, and installation of vehicular
 21 barriers, at the state capitol.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
6 sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for
7 fiscal year 2020-2021 for the department of public safety to
8 purchase or lease security screening equipment as may be
9 necessary and contract the service of private screening
10 personnel at the state capitol.

11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
12 of public safety for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 6. The department of accounting and general
14 services shall submit a report to the legislature on its
15 progress and recommendations, including any proposed
16 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
17 the regular sessions of 2020, 2021, and 2022.

18 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.



Report Title:

DAGS; PSD; State Capitol; Washington Place; Appropriation

Description:

Requires DAGS, in consultation with the Legislature and appropriate agencies, to develop and implement an enhanced security plan for the State Capitol. Appropriates funds to DAGS for enhanced security measures and security improvements, including vehicular barriers and to PSD to purchase or lease security screening equipment and contract private screening personnel for the State Capitol. (HB1488 HD1)

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