
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIME PREVENTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 706, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§706- Crime prevention reward fee; special fund. (1)

5 The court, when imposing a fine as a penalty on a person who is
6 convicted of any felony, shall also order the convicted person
7 to pay a crime prevention reward fee, which shall be one per
8 cent of the fine to be paid by the convicted person, rounded up
9 to the nearest dollar.

10 (2) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the fee
11 required by this section shall be paid in addition to any other
12 surcharge, fee, or monetary assessment required by law for the
13 same felony.

14 (3) There is established a special fund to be known as the
15 crime prevention special fund to be administered by the
16 department of the attorney general.



1 (4) The following shall be deposited into the crime
2 prevention special fund:

3 (a) All crime prevention reward fees collected pursuant to
4 this section; and

5 (b) Interest earned or accrued on moneys in the special
6 fund.

7 (5) Moneys from the crime prevention special fund shall be
8 used to compensate any individual for the truthful reporting of
9 a felony under state or county law, including any violation;
10 provided that:

11 (a) The compensated individual's report of the felony led
12 to a conviction in a court of law for the felony;

13 (b) The compensated individual fully cooperated, to the
14 extent necessary, with providing truthful testimony at
15 any state criminal trial; and

16 (c) The compensated individual was not convicted for the
17 felony as the offender, as an accomplice or accessory
18 in the felony, or for solicitation or conspiracy in
19 the commission of the felony."



1 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department
2 of the attorney general for administrative purposes only a crime
3 prevention reward task force.

4 (b) The crime prevention reward task force shall review
5 and make recommendations on the administration of the crime
6 prevention reward fee established by this Act, including the
7 determination of, requirements for, timing of, and amounts of
8 compensation to an individual whose truthful reporting leads to
9 a felony conviction.

10 (c) The attorney general or the attorney general's
11 designee shall serve as the chairperson of the task force. The
12 following individuals or their designees shall serve as members
13 of the task force:

- 14 (1) The chief justice of the supreme court of the State of
15 Hawaii;
- 16 (2) The director of finance;
- 17 (3) The public defender; and
- 18 (4) The prosecuting attorney of the city and county of
19 Honolulu.

20 (d) The chairperson of the crime prevention reward task
21 force may invite a representative of Crimestoppers Honolulu, and



1 other interested parties with relevant experience, to serve as
2 members of the task force.

3 (e) The chairperson and members of the crime prevention
4 reward task force shall serve without compensation but shall be
5 reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses, necessary
6 for the performance of their duties.

7 (f) No later than twenty days prior to the convening of
8 the regular session of 2021, the crime prevention reward task
9 force shall submit to the legislature a report of its findings
10 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation.

11 (g) The task force shall be dissolved on June 30, 2021.

12 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
13 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
14 begun before its effective date.

15 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
17 provided that section 1 of this Act shall take effect on July 1,
18 2021.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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H.B. NO. 2574

Report Title:

Penal Code; Fines; Fees; Special Fund; Task Force

Description:

Imposes a 1% crime prevention reward fee on all persons required to pay a fine for a penal offense. Establishes the crime prevention reward special fund to compensate individuals for the truthful reporting of penal offenses. Establishes the crime prevention reward task force to make recommendations on the administration of the crime prevention reward fee. Requires a report to the Legislature.

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