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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHWAY PATROL.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that law enforcement  
2 service and assistance along state highways is inadequate.  
3 Further, local police and state sheriffs do not have sufficient  
4 time and resources to provide these services.

5           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a  
6 state highway patrol within the sheriff division of the  
7 department of public safety.

8           SECTION 2. Chapter 353C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
10 and to read as follows:

11           "§353C- Highway patrol. (a) There is established  
12 within the sheriff division of the department a state highway  
13 patrol that shall consist of law enforcement officers appointed  
14 by the sheriff, who shall fix their compensation.

15           (b) The state highway patrol shall enforce title 17 and  
16 all other state and county laws, ordinances, and rules  
17 regulating traffic; provided that the state highway patrol's



1 jurisdiction shall be limited to property and roads that are  
2 owned or leased by the State.

3 (c) State highway patrol officers shall have and may  
4 exercise all of the powers and authority and the benefits and  
5 privileges of a deputy sheriff, including the power to arrest;  
6 provided that these powers shall remain in force and effect only  
7 while in actual performance of their duties; provided further  
8 that these powers and authority shall not extend to any  
9 properties or roads that are not owned or leased by the State."

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the  
13 establishment of a state highway patrol within the sheriff  
14 division of the department of public safety, including but not  
15 limited to the following:

- 16 (1) The acquisition of any necessary equipment, firearms,  
17 uniforms, and vehicles;
- 18 (2) The acquisition, leasing, or construction of any  
19 necessary offices and facilities, including any  
20 facilities necessary for the storage of state highway  
21 patrol vehicles; and



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1           (3) Salaries and benefits for both law enforcement and  
2           non-law enforcement personnel.

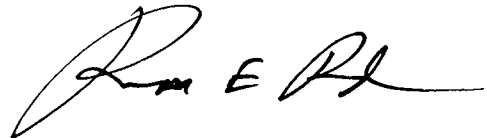
3           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the sheriff  
4 division of the department of public safety for the purposes of  
5 this Act.

6           SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

7           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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**Report Title:**

PSD; Sheriff Division; State Highway Patrol; Appropriation

**Description:**

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