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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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

1 SECTION 1. When a state of emergency was declared in 2020 2 due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, travel between islands was 3 severely restricted or in some cases prohibited. This travel 4 restriction severely limited, delayed, and in some cases 5 deterred investigators from the department of the attorney 6 general from carrying out their duties. The purpose of this Act 7 is to require at least one investigator from the department of 8 the attorney general to be based in each county. 9 SECTION 2. Section 28-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 10 amended to read as follows: 11 "§28-11 Investigators; appointment and powers. (a) The 12 attorney general shall appoint and commission one or more 13 investigators for each county in the State, at least one of whom 14 shall be based in the county in which they serve, as the 15 exigencies of the public service may require. Persons appointed 16 and commissioned under this section shall have and may exercise

17 all of the powers and authority and the benefits and privileges



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of a police officer or of a deputy sheriff. These investigators
shall consist of personnel whose primary duty will be to conduct
investigations as directed by the attorney general.

4 The attorney general may also appoint persons whose (b) 5 primary function shall be to provide security coverage for the 6 governor and other public officials of this State, to be known 7 as security investigators, who shall have and may exercise all the powers and authority of the investigators appointed under 8 9 subsection (a). When not providing security coverage for the 10 governor or other public officials, the security investigators 11 shall conduct other investigations as directed by the attorney 12 general. The positions of security investigators may be exempt 13 from chapter 76."

SECTION 3. The department of the attorney general shall reorganize existing or fill vacant investigator positions to comply with the requirements of this Act.

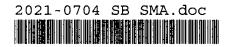
17 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title: Attorney General; Investigators

Description: Requires at least one Attorney General investigator be based in each county in the State.

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