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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY IN RURAL DISTRICTS.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaiian Ocean View  
2       Estates, Hawai'i, is one of the fastest-growing subdivisions in  
3       the United States, with the 2010 United States Census reporting  
4       a population of 4,864, up from 2,178 as reported by the 2000  
5       United States Census. The steep growth in population has  
6       corresponded with a rise in crime, with many residents reporting  
7       concerns of illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles, property crime,  
8       and feral dog attacks.

9       The legislature further finds that the Hawai'i police  
10      department currently operates out of a police office in the  
11      Hawaiian Ocean View Estates subdivision. However, the Hawai'i  
12      police department cannot process or book arrestees at the  
13      existing office, and the closest Hawai'i police department  
14      substation capable of booking and processing is located over  
15      fourteen miles away in Nā'ālehu. After an arrestee is detained  
16      and booked, they are then transported to the Hilo or Kona police



1 stations for holding. The sheer distance between Hawai'i police  
2 department facilities on Hawai'i island has resulted in lengthy  
3 response times for Hawai'i police department service in Hawaiian  
4 Ocean View Estates, as the same officers assigned to Hawaiian  
5 Ocean View Estates must transport arrestees to Nā'ālehu and  
6 thereafter Hilo or Kona, preventing them from responding to  
7 calls for assistance. The legislature believes that the Hawai'i  
8 police department's presence in Hawaiian Ocean View Estates must  
9 be expanded to appropriately respond to reports of crime in the  
10 area.

11 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
12 funds to the county of Hawaii for the plans, design, and  
13 construction of a police substation to serve the Hawaiian Ocean  
14 View Estates community.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for a  
18 grant-in-aid to the county of Hawaii for the planning, design,  
19 and construction of a police substation in Hawaiian Ocean View  
20 Estates, Hawaii; provided that no funds shall be made available



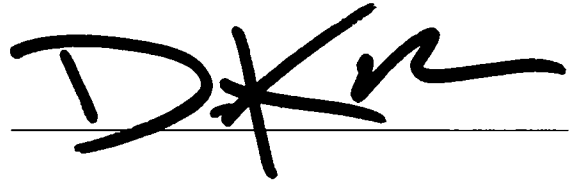
1 under this Act unless the county of Hawaii provides matching  
2 funds on a dollar-to-dollar basis.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of  
4 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



# S.B. NO. 3211

**Report Title:**

Hawaii County; Police Substation; Grant-in-Aid; Hawaiian Ocean View Estates; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the County of Hawaii for the plans, design, and construction of a Hawaiian Ocean View Estates police substation. Requires the County of Hawaii to match funds appropriated on a dollar-to-dollar basis.

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