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# 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; and



1           (3) Prevents unauthorized vehicular access to the  
2                   underground state capitol parking garage by moving  
3                   public parking to a new location.

4           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   or so  
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
7 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
8 year 2024-2025 to begin implementation of short-term  
9 improvements and planning for any long-term improvements  
10 described in section 2, including:

11           (1) Planning, design, and installation of metal detectors,  
12                   screening stations, and related equipment and  
13                   improvements;

14           (2) Planning, design, and installation of vehicle barriers  
15                   and related site and ground improvements incorporated  
16                   appropriately into the landscape;

17           (3) Planning and design for the redesign and  
18                   reconstruction of state capitol parking facilities to  
19                   prevent unauthorized vehicular access and relocate  
20                   public parking from the state capitol to another site;  
21                   and



1           (4) Hiring or contracting           full-time equivalent  
2           (        FTE) security personnel positions.

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

5           SECTION 4. The department of accounting and general  
6 services shall submit a report to the legislature on its  
7 progress and recommendations, including any proposed  
8 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
9 the regular sessions of 2024, 2025, and 2026.

10           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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# H.B. NO. 865

**Report Title:**

DAGS; Department of Public Safety; State Capitol; Washington Place; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services, in consultation with the Legislature and appropriate agencies, to develop and implement an enhanced security plan for the state capitol. Appropriates moneys for enhanced security measures and security improvements. Appropriates moneys.

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