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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the conservation and
 resources enforcement program of the department of land and
 natural resources shoulders responsibilities that are integral
 to preserving the public peace and safety. Specifically, the
 program is responsible for enforcing laws on public lands and
 waters of the State.

7 The legislature recognizes that proper training, equipment, 8 and organizational support are imperative to the success of law 9 enforcement officers in the conservation and resources 10 enforcement program. To this end, the division of conservation 11 and resources enforcement of the department of land and natural 12 resources established an academy to better train law enforcement 13 officers.

14 The legislature further finds that the Commission on
15 Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., created in
16 1979, serves as a law enforcement credentialing authority
17 through collaboration with law enforcement executive

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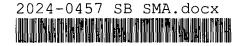
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associations. The Honolulu and Maui police departments are
 accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law
 Enforcement Agencies, Inc., and the sheriff division of the
 department of public safety is required to obtain accreditation
 pursuant to section 353C-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

6 The legislature further recognizes that the conservation 7 and resources enforcement program was previously required to 8 obtain accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for 9 Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. As recently as 2020, the 10 conservation and resources enforcement program was required to 11 obtain accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for 12 Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., in the use of electric guns, but 13 Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, inadvertently repealed 14 that requirement when it repealed the entirety of section 15 134-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

16 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of 17 land and natural resources to seek and obtain accreditation for 18 the conservation and resources enforcement program from the 19 Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. 20 SECTION 2. No later than June 30, 2030, the department of 21 land and natural resources shall pursue and obtain accreditation



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1	for the conservation and resources enforcement program from the
2	Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.
3	SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
4	the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
5	Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
6	appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,
7	and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure
8	ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
9	\$ or per cent. This current declaration takes
10	into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal
11	year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act
12	only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure
13	ceiling are that:
14	(1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
15	serve the public interest; and
16	(2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
17	addressed by this Act.
18	SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
19	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
20	much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
21	the department of land and natural resources to pursue and

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1 obtain accreditation for the conservation and resources

2 enforcement program from the Commission on Accreditation for Law

3 Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of5 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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Report Title:

DLNR; Conservation and Resources Enforcement Program; Accreditation; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to pursue and obtain accreditation for the Conservation and Resources Enforcement Program from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. Makes an appropriation.

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