

ACT 51

S.B. NO. 2434

A Bill for an Act Relating to Public Safety.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. Act 289, Session Laws of Hawaii 1993, appropriated a certain designated sum to the department of public safety to provide funds for the operations of its programs for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1993, and ending June 30, 1994.

A critical funding emergency exists. The various programs will expend all appropriated funds before the end of the current fiscal year and the department will be unable to meet its fiscal obligation to provide for the health and safety of the public, staff, and clients. The increase in overtime payments is the primary contributing factor to this financial situation. The expenditures for fiscal year 1993-1994 increased in excess of 5.4 per cent over the fiscal year 1992-1993 expenditures.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to prevent the shutdown of activities at our correctional facilities and the possible filing of lawsuits.

SECTION 3. The director of public safety shall submit a report to the legislature at least twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 1995, that shall include but not be limited to:

- (1) Recommendations on ways of mitigating the need for overtime expenditures caused by sick leave abuse, the process of filling vacant positions, and the existing shift relief factor;
- (2) An assessment of the effectiveness of departmental efforts to reduce overtime expenditures; and
- (3) Any proposed legislation the director deems necessary to reduce the use of overtime expenditures in the department of public safety.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,076,273, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1993-1994, for the various programs of the department of public safety.

SECTION 5. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of public safety for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 6, 1994.)