

ACT 78

H.B. NO. 3548

A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Appropriation for 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 218, Session Laws of Hawaii 1995, 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, 1995, and ending June 30, 1996.

A critical funding emergency exists. 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. Overcrowding and increasing operating expenses are the primary contributing factors to this financial situation.

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. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,463,750 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1995-1996 for the sole purpose of reimbursing the various programs of the department of public safety for funds taken from such programs and expended to transfer three hundred Hawaii inmates to correctional facilities in Texas.

SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of public safety for the purposes of this Act.

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

(Approved May 10, 1996.)