A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION.

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

SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"CHAPTER

GUN VIOLENCE AND VIOLENT CRIMES COMMISSION

§ 1-1 Gun violence and violent crimes commission; established. There is established the gun violence and violent crimes commission that shall be placed within the department of the attorney general for administrative purposes only.

§ 1-2 Gun violence and violent crimes commission; membership. (a) The attorney general or the attorney general's designee shall coordinate and serve as the chair of the gun violence and violent crimes commission.

(b) The following individuals, or their designees, shall serve as members of the gun violence and violent crimes commission:

(1) The chief justice of the supreme court of Hawaii;
(2) The director of health;
(3) The director of public safety;
(4) A county prosecuting attorney to be selected by the chair of the commission;
(5) The public defender;
(6) The chief of police of each county;
(7) The administrator of the Hawaii state hospital;
(8) The dean of the college of social sciences at the university of Hawaii at Manoa; and
(9) The dean of the John A. Burns school of medicine.
(c) The chair of the gun violence and violent crimes commission may request the participation or input of experts in gun violence and violent crime; county, state, and federal officials; members of the public; and other persons as necessary.
(d) The members of the gun violence and violent crimes commission shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in carrying out their duties.
crimes commission is to address gun violence and violent crime in Hawaii.

(b) The gun violence and violent crimes commission shall provide coordination, facilitation, and planning among state and county agencies, federal agencies, and other partners as appropriate to carry out its purpose.

(c) The gun violence and violent crimes commission shall endeavor to:

(1) Identify relevant data that may be used to reduce gun violence and violent crimes;

(2) Identify areas in which relevant data is not available;

(3) Maximize the sharing between the agencies represented on the commission and other appropriate stakeholders of data relevant to reducing gun violence and violent crimes; and

(4) Coordinate and conduct research on gun violence and violent crimes.

(d) The gun violence and violent crimes commission may work with and engage stakeholders for the purposes of this chapter.
(e) The gun violence and violent crimes commission shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations on policy relating to preventing gun violence and violent crimes, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than December 31 of each year.

(f) To protect the sensitive nature of relevant data and information, the gun violence and violent crimes commission shall be exempt from chapter 92."

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for two full time equivalent (2.0 FTE) staff for administration and management of the gun violence and violent crimes commission. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for supplies for, expenses of, grants issued by, data collection for, research for, and analysis for the purposes of this Act
The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. The department of the attorney general may contract for goods and services necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act with the funds appropriated in section 3 of this Act. The contracting of goods and services under this Act shall be exempt from chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.
Report Title:
Gun Violence; Violent Crimes; Commission; Established; Appropriation

Description:
Establishes the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. (HD1 PROPOSED)

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