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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE CAPITOL FACILITIES.

**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 and state facilities, such as capitol buildings.  
4 These security measures are designed to protect public visitors  
5 and employees at high profile buildings and include the  
6 installation of protective barriers to safely manage crowds,  
7 metal detectors and screening to prevent incidents of gun  
8 violence, and the erection of vehicular barriers to prevent  
9 incidents like the bombing of Oklahoma City's Alfred P. Murrah  
10 Federal Building that occurred in 1995.

11           The legislature further finds that Hawaii's state capitol  
12 and the surrounding capitol district were designed over fifty  
13 years ago to stand as a proud symbol of Hawaii's state  
14 government. The design was intended to provide easy public  
15 access to elected officials, a value of great importance to our  
16 democracy. Now, ease of access must be tempered with protecting



1 against modern threats and preserving the safety of visitors and  
2 those who work in the state capitol.

3 The legislature also finds that, currently, there are no  
4 meaningful security measures in place to restrict dangerous  
5 crowds, weapons, explosives, or vehicular access at the Hawaii  
6 state capitol.

7 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to create  
8 reasonable preventative short-term and long-term measures to  
9 protect public safety while preserving public access at the  
10 Hawaii state capitol, rather than wait for a tragic incident and  
11 loss of life to occur before action is taken.

12 SECTION 2. The department of accounting and general  
13 services, in consultation with the legislature and any agencies  
14 responsible for security at the state capitol and Washington  
15 Place, shall develop and implement an enhanced security plan  
16 that:

- 17 (1) Allows for the safe management of crowds in the state  
18 capitol rotunda that may disrupt, impair, or threaten  
19 operations in the house and senate chambers;
- 20 (2) Ensures safety at the state capitol by screening  
21 visitors for weapons while preserving public access;



- 1           (3) Prevents unauthorized vehicular access to the current  
2           underground state capitol parking garage by moving  
3           public parking to a new location;
- 4           (4) Prevents surface-level unauthorized vehicular access  
5           to the state capitol and surrounding grounds while  
6           preserving the viewplanes and the historic character  
7           of the capitol district; and
- 8           (5) Includes long-term plans and designs for a secured  
9           underground public parking facility serving the state  
10          capitol and other agencies with an above-ground mall  
11          between Beretania Street, Punchbowl Street, and  
12          Washington Place to allow additional safe space for  
13          public gatherings, rallies, and events when the state  
14          capitol and grounds must be secured; provided that  
15          this secured underground public parking facility shall  
16          replace, in one or more phases, the unsecured above-  
17          ground parking and asbestos-laden structure currently  
18          occupied by the department of health; provided further  
19          that any plans developed and implemented pursuant to  
20          this paragraph shall eliminate any elevated structures  
21          on site to prevent elevated lines of sight into



1 Washington Place and the state capitol; and provided  
 2 further that any plans developed and implemented  
 3 pursuant to this paragraph shall preserve and expand  
 4 the viewplanes and historic character of the capitol  
 5 district.

6 SECTION 3. Section 6E-34.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 7 amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

8 "(b) There is established the state capitol management  
 9 committee, which shall be composed of the following members or  
 10 their respective designees:

11 (1) The governor's chief of staff;

12 (2) The comptroller;

13 (3) The director of public safety;

14 (4) The state historic preservation officer;

15 [~~4~~] (5) Two members of the senate as appointed by the  
 16 president of the senate;

17 [~~5~~] (6) Two members of the house of representatives as  
 18 appointed by the speaker of the house of  
 19 representatives;

20 [~~6~~] (7) A legislative officer of the senate appointed by  
 21 the president of the senate; and



1       ~~[(7)]~~ (8) A legislative officer of the house of  
2               representatives appointed by the speaker of the house  
3               of representatives;  
4 provided that for members appointed pursuant to paragraphs ~~[(6)]~~  
5 (7) and ~~[(7)]~~, (8) "legislative officer" shall have the same  
6 meaning as that term is defined in section 88-21.  
7       ~~[The chairperson of the state capitol management committee~~  
8 ~~shall be elected by the committee members.]~~ The state capitol  
9 management committee shall be co-chaired by a member of the  
10 house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house  
11 of representatives from among the members of the house of  
12 representatives appointed to the state capitol management  
13 committee, and a member of the senate appointed by the president  
14 of the senate selected from among the members of the senate  
15 appointed to the state capitol management committee. The  
16 department of accounting and general services shall provide  
17 administrative support to the state capitol management  
18 committee; provided that the committee shall also receive fiscal  
19 analysis support from the department of budget and finance as  
20 the committee deems appropriate.



1 (c) The state capitol management committee shall meet at  
2 times and places as specified by a call of the [~~chairperson~~  
3 chairpersons or a majority of the committee[~~, provided that the~~  
4 ~~committee shall meet not less than four times per calendar~~  
5 ~~year~~]. The state capitol management committee [~~shall~~] may  
6 prescribe rules, which shall not be subject to chapter 91, for  
7 its own management and governance. [~~Five members of the~~  
8 ~~committee shall constitute a quorum, and a quorum~~] A majority of  
9 those present may exercise all the power and authority conferred  
10 on the committee."

11 SECTION 4. Section 26-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

13 "(b) The department shall:

- 14 (1) Preaudit and conduct after-the-fact audits of the  
15 financial accounts of all state departments to  
16 determine the legality of expenditures and the  
17 accuracy of accounts;
- 18 (2) Report to the governor and to each regular session of  
19 the legislature as to the finances of each department  
20 of the State;
- 21 (3) Administer the state risk management program;



- 1 (4) Establish and manage motor pools;
- 2 (5) Manage the preservation and disposal of all records of  
3 the State;
- 4 (6) Undertake the program of centralized engineering and  
5 office leasing services, including operation and  
6 maintenance and lease buyback processing pursuant to  
7 subsection (d) of public buildings, for departments of  
8 the State;
- 9 (7) Undertake the functions of the state surveyor;
- 10 (8) Establish accounting and internal control systems;
- 11 (9) Under the direction of the chief information officer,  
12 provide centralized computer information management  
13 and processing services;
- 14 (10) Establish a program to provide a means for public  
15 access to public information and develop an  
16 information network for state government; ~~and~~
- 17 (11) Assume administrative responsibility for the office of  
18 information practices[-]; and
- 19 (12) Submit a report of the department's findings and  
20 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,  
21 regarding the department's progress on short-term and



1           long-term steps toward implementing the enhanced  
2           security plan pursuant to Act     , Session Laws of  
3           Hawaii 2021, to the legislature no later than twenty  
4           days prior to the convening of each regular session."

5           SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7           SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.





**Report Title:**

State Capitol; Security; Public Safety; DAGS; State Capitol Management Committee

**Description:**

Requires the department of accounting and general services to develop and implement an enhanced security plan for the state capitol and surrounding grounds. Amends provisions regarding the internal governance of the state capitol management committee. Requires the department of accounting and general services to submit annual reports to the legislature regarding the enhanced security plan. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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