
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE CAPITOL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that with increased
2 threats to public safety in the wake of national civil unrest,
3 demonstrated by riots, protests, and armed marches at state and
4 federal government facilities, the state of Hawaii lacks
5 appropriate security measures in the Capitol's rotunda and
6 surrounding areas in case such events occur. Such security
7 measures include the installation of metal detectors to prevent
8 gun violence, and the restriction of unauthorized vehicular
9 access to the underground public parking facility to prevent
10 tragic incidents such as the 1995 truck bombing of the Alfred P.
11 Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

12 The legislature finds that in February, 2019, a fatal
13 shooting of an intoxicated individual near the Hawaii State
14 Capitol rotunda posed a serious threat to the building and
15 public safety, necessitating increased security personnel and
16 barriers to further prevent unauthorized access.



1 The legislature finds that while the Hawaii State Capitol's
2 architecture was designed with the intent of openness and ease
3 of public access, it must be moderated with said security
4 measures to protect public safety while keeping our democratic
5 system operating in the safest possible manner.

6 SECTION 2. (a) The department of accounting and general
7 services and the department of public safety, in consultation
8 with the legislature and any other applicable entity, shall
9 promptly plan and implement security improvements at the state
10 capitol, which shall include, at a minimum, the following:

11 (1) Controlled access points, on the rotunda and chamber
12 levels, having appropriate equipment to detect weapons
13 and other contraband;

14 (2) Fencing or other appropriate barriers to prevent:

15 (A) Unauthorized vehicles from entering the capitol
16 grounds; and

17 (B) Unauthorized access to the capitol rotunda; and

18 (3) The employment of private personnel to staff
19 controlled access points to screen for weapons and
20 contraband, effectuate the security improvements, and



1 perform these duties in coordination with the law
2 enforcement personnel of the State and county.

3 (b) The department of land and natural resources state
4 historic preservation division shall promptly evaluate the
5 potential necessity of any exemptions from applicable historic
6 preservation designations or related restrictions to accomplish
7 the security improvements. The state historic preservation
8 division shall assist the department of accounting and general
9 services to expedite and facilitate the application and
10 approval, as appropriate, for any necessary exemptions from
11 state or federal historic preservation laws.

12 (c) The department of accounting and general services and
13 department of public safety may implement additional security
14 improvements while the security improvements mandated by this
15 Act are being planned and developed.

16 (d) No later than twenty days prior to the convening of
17 the 2022 and 2023 regular sessions, the department of accounting
18 and general services shall provide annual reports to the
19 legislature on the status of its efforts to effectuate the
20 purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. No later than October 31, 2021, the department
2 of accounting and general services shall remove all parking
3 meters from the state capitol parking facility. The affected
4 parking stalls shall be allocated among the governor, lieutenant
5 governor, senate, house of representatives, and legislative
6 reference bureau on a pro rata basis and made available to state
7 employees whose place of employment is the state capitol and who
8 meet the qualifications of their respective employer's parking
9 policies. To offset the loss of metered parking stalls in the
10 state capitol, the department of accounting and general services
11 may establish and maintain additional public metered parking
12 stalls available in the Kinau Hale parking lot and the state
13 parking garage located at 301 South Vineyard Street.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and the
17 sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for
18 fiscal year 2022-2023 for the department of accounting and
19 general services to plan and implement security improvements,
20 including the planning, design, and installation of vehicular



1 barriers, at the state capitol pursuant to section 1 of this
2 Act.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
4 of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

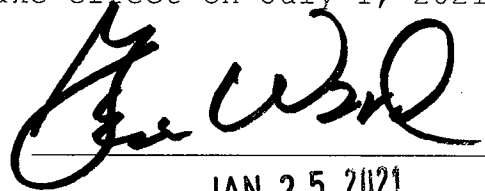
5 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and the
8 sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for
9 fiscal year 2022-2023 for the department of public safety to
10 purchase or lease security screening equipment as may be
11 necessary and contract the services of private screening
12 personnel at the state capitol to effectuate the purposes of
13 section 1 of this Act.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
15 of public safety for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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Report Title:

State Capitol; DAGS; DPS; Security; Parking

Description:

Requires DAGS and DPS, in consultation with the Legislature and other entities, to plan and implement security improvements at the State Capitol. Requires DAGS to remove all parking meters from the Capitol parking facility and reallocate parking in the Capitol district. Appropriates funds.

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