
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The auditor shall conduct a performance
2 audit of the following offices and programs within the
3 department of public safety:
- 4 (1) The office of the director;
 - 5 (2) The civil rights compliance office;
 - 6 (3) The personnel management office;
 - 7 (4) The fiscal office; and
 - 8 (5) The health care services division's mental health
9 services.
- 10 (b) The audit shall include but not be limited to a review
11 of the following:
- 12 (1) Hiring, staffing, and supervisory policies and
13 practices, including:
 - 14 (A) Whether applicants and employees are adequately
15 screened and qualified;
 - 16 (B) Actual and perceived conflicts of interest and
17 favoritism among and between employees and



- 1 supervisors, including conflicts due to familial
2 and personal relationships; and
3 (C) Employee morale;
- 4 (2) Handling and disposition of internal complaints made
5 and lawsuits filed by current or former employees;
- 6 (3) Contracting and procurement policies and practices,
7 including:
- 8 (A) Whether contractors and vendors are adequately
9 screened and qualified;
- 10 (B) Compliance with state and federal laws; and
11 (C) Whether contracts are awarded in accordance with
12 the state procurement code;
- 13 (4) The ability of the department to provide necessary
14 mental health services to inmates and pre-trial
15 detainees, including whether the department is taking
16 adequate steps to fill staffing vacancies related to
17 the provision of mental health services;
- 18 (5) Whether the department is adhering to internal
19 policies and state and federal law with regard to
20 inmate care;



- 1 (6) The policies, practices, health services, and
2 administration of Saguaro Correctional Center, Halawa
3 Correctional Facility, Women's Community Correctional
4 Facility, and Oahu Community Correctional Facility;
5 (7) The cost per inmate per facility for incarceration;
6 and
7 (8) The existence and causes, if applicable, of
8 discrepancies in inmate commissary accounts.

9 SECTION 2. The auditor shall submit an interim report on
10 the performance audit, including the auditor's findings and
11 recommendations, to the legislature no later than twenty days
12 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2019 and submit
13 a final report on the performance audit, including the auditor's
14 findings and recommendations, to the legislature no later than
15 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
16 2020.

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the
20 auditor to conduct a performance audit of the department of
21 public safety pursuant to this Act.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the auditor for
2 the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Report Title:

Auditor; Performance Audit; DPS; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Auditor to conduct a performance audit of certain offices and programs within the Department of Public Safety. Appropriates funds. (SD1)

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