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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, although the most  
2 recent performance audit of the department of public safety was  
3 in 2017, its scope was limited to use of special funds,  
4 revolving funds, trust funds, and trust accounts. The  
5 legislature further finds that no comprehensive audit of the  
6 department of public safety's offices, policies, and programs  
7 has been performed in recent history. The purpose of this Act  
8 is to require a comprehensive performance audit of the  
9 department of public safety.

10           SECTION 2. (a) The auditor shall conduct a performance  
11 audit of the following offices and programs within the  
12 department of public safety:

- 13           (1) The office of the director;  
14           (2) The civil rights compliance office;  
15           (3) The personnel management office;  
16           (4) The fiscal office; and



1 (5) The health care services division's mental health  
2 services.

3 (b) The audit shall include but not be limited to a review  
4 of the following:

5 (1) Hiring, staffing, and supervisory policies and  
6 practices, including:

7 (A) Whether applicants and employees are adequately  
8 screened and qualified;

9 (B) Actual and perceived conflicts of interest and  
10 favoritism among and between employees and  
11 supervisors, including conflicts due to familial  
12 and personal relationships; and

13 (C) Employee morale;

14 (2) Handling and disposition of internal complaints made  
15 and lawsuits filed by current or former employees;

16 (3) Contracting and procurement policies and practices,  
17 including:

18 (A) Whether contractors and vendors are adequately  
19 screened and qualified;

20 (B) Compliance with state and federal laws; and



1 (C) Whether contracts were steered toward contractors  
 2 and vendors due to familial and personal  
 3 relationships; and

4 (4) The ability of the department to provide necessary  
 5 mental health services to inmates and pre-trial  
 6 detainees, including whether the department is taking  
 7 adequate steps to fill staffing vacancies related to  
 8 the provision of mental health services.

9 SECTION 3. The auditor shall submit a report on the  
 10 performance audit, including the auditor's findings,  
 11 recommendations, and proposed legislation, if necessary, to the  
 12 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
 13 the regular session of 2021.

14 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
 15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much  
 16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the  
 17 auditor to conduct a performance audit of the department of  
 18 public safety pursuant to this Act.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the auditor for  
 20 the purposes of this Act.

21 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.



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S.D. 1

**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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