HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024 STATE OF HAWAII

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE POLICE PRESENCE IN HALEIWA TO MATCH POLICE PRESENCE IN WAIKIKI.

WHEREAS, Waikiki attracts a large number of visitors as the 1 State's top tourist destination; consequently, it also attracts 2 3 criminal and violent activity; and 4 5 WHEREAS, to address and reduce potential criminal or violent activity and to ensure the safety of the State's top 6 tourist destination, the Honolulu Police Department dispatches a 7 large number of its officers to Waikiki; 8 9 WHEREAS, Haleiwa is home to many residents and is one of 10 the most popular tourist destinations after Waikiki, as it is 11 well-known for good surfing conditions and unique foods and 12 shopping; and 13 14 WHEREAS, the Haleiwa community shares similar burdens as 15 the Waikiki community and specifically in recent years, has 16 experienced a noticeable increase in criminal activity, similar 17 to that of Waikiki, with many residents reporting that the area 18 19 is unsafe after sunset; and 20 21 WHEREAS, according to the Honolulu Police Department's 22 crime mapping, since October 1, 2023, there were three assaults, one sex crime, one weapons crime, and two thefts in Haleiwa; and 23 24 WHEREAS, an increase in law enforcement presence in Haleiwa 25 that matches the law enforcement presence in Waikiki would help 26 deter crime and increase safety in the area for residents and 27 visitors; now, therefore, 28 29 30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 31

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Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Honolulu Police 1 Department is urged to increase police presence in Haleiwa to 2 match police presence in Waikiki; and 3 4 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City 6 7 and County of Honolulu and Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police Department. 8 9 10 11

OFFERED BY:

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