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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO COLLABORATE
WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS AND STAKEHOLDERS TO SUPPORT
NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY WATCH PROGRAMS IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, crime is an escalating problem in Hawaii that
2 affects the State's neighborhoods and schools, and domestic
3 violence, substance abuse disorders, disorderly conduct, and the
4 destruction of property continue to plague our communities; and
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6 WHEREAS, county police departments are short-staffed and
7 serve as first responders for most emergencies, reports of
8 domestic abuse, gang activity, drug activity, and issues related
9 to homelessness; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Security Watch program is a
12 grassroots initiative of the Honolulu Police Department where
13 volunteers are trained to lead security patrols in their
14 communities; and
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16 WHEREAS, Neighborhood Security Watch programs also work
17 collaboratively with law enforcement officers, state and county
18 officials, community leaders, churches, businesses, and
19 nonprofit organizations to hold safety training events and to
20 establish emergency response procedures; and
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22 WHEREAS, Neighborhood Security Watch programs are part of a
23 proactive policing strategy and help free up law enforcement
24 officers to focus on other priorities; and
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26 WHEREAS, in the last year, Neighborhood Security Watch
27 programs have coordinated with stakeholders to hold events in
28 Moanalua Gardens, Kahuku, Kapalama, Chinatown, Makiki, Waikiki,
29 Mililani, Ewa Beach, Waianae, Nanakuli, and on Hawaiian Home
30 Lands homesteads; now, therefore,
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S.C.R. NO. 199

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the federal, state,
4 and county governments are urged to collaborate with community
5 leaders and stakeholders to support Neighborhood Security Watch
6 programs in Hawaii; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
10 United States, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Mayor of each
11 county, Senate Majority Leader and Speaker of the United States
12 House of Representatives of the United States Congress, and each
13 member of Hawaii's congressional delegation.
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OFFERED BY: _____


BY REQUEST

