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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONVENING A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, under chapter 801D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, victims are entitled to be informed as to the final disposition of a case and as to any changes in the custodial status of the offender; and

WHEREAS, the current process of notifying victims of the custody status of offenders is inefficient and does not function to fulfill the purposes of chapter 801D; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Attorney General and the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu have researched and have created a pilot project for an automated victim notification system; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the House of Representatives concurring, that a task force be convened to examine the implementation of a automated victim notification system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall be comprised of:

- The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's (1)designee;
- (2) A member from the Hawaii State Judiciary;
- The Director of Public Safety, or the Director's (3) designee;
- The Director of the Hawaii Paroling Authority, or the (4)Director's designee;

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- (5) A member from each county's prosecuting attorney's office;
- (6) An attorney from the Office of the Public Defender;
- (7) A commissioner from each county's police department, or their designee;
- (8) The Director of the Sex Abuse Treatment Center, or the Director's designee;
- (9) The Director of the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline, or the Director's designee; and
- (10) A member of the public appointed by the Governor;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee shall be the chairperson and facilitator of the task force for organizational purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force's missions shall be to:

- (1) Continue to work on the implementation of the notification system currently being developed by the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu in cooperation with the Department of the Attorney General;
- (2) Determine which state and county agencies shall be required to participate in the automated victim notification system program;
- (3) Create a plan for the expansion of an automated victim notification system to all counties within the State;
- (4) Determine what types of federal money can be used to implement an automated victim notification system; and
- (5) Conduct any other business deemed necessary to carry out the purpose of this resolution;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall provide the Legislature with a copy of its report, including any proposed legislation, at least twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General, the Chief Justice, the Director of Public Safety, the Director of the Hawaii Paroling Authority, each county's prosecuting attorney's office, the Office of the Public Defender, the commissioner of each county's police department, the Director of the Sex Abuse Treatment Center, the Director of the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline, and the Governor.

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