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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TO COORDINATE  
DEVELOPMENT AND DISTRIBUTION TO VISITORS OF INFORMATION ON  
RECREATION SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION.

1           WHEREAS, tourism has long been and will continue to be one  
2 of the cornerstones of Hawaii's economy; and  
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4           WHEREAS, people on vacation and even those visiting the  
5 State for business tend to be less cautious because of the aloha  
6 spirit with which they are greeted; and  
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8           WHEREAS, visitors engaging in recreational activities often  
9 are unfamiliar with the natural hazards present in the island  
10 environment, including rip currents, box jellyfish, treacherous  
11 terrain, and volcanic fumes; and  
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13           WHEREAS, the fight against crime is hampered by limited  
14 resources and the fact that police and other law enforcement  
15 agencies cannot be present to protect visitors or residents  
16 against every crime; and  
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18           WHEREAS, increases in drug use and solicitation impact  
19 visitor expenditures and visitor experiences; and  
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21           WHEREAS, global conditions dictate increased visitor  
22 awareness and other security measures; and  
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24           WHEREAS, despite the best efforts, crime, accidents, and  
25 other emergencies occur; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the efforts of the Hawaii Tourism Authority to  
28 date have focused on responding to crimes, accidents, or other  
29 emergencies that have befallen visitors; and  
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31           WHEREAS, the Hawaii Tourism Authority, as part of the  
32 Visitor Assistance Program, partners with one organization in  
33 each of the four counties to address the needs of visitors who  
34 experience hardships while in Hawaii; and



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2 WHEREAS, although efforts to date have focused on  
3 addressing the situation after incidents have occurred,  
4 prevention efforts have become even more critical; and  
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6 WHEREAS, opportunities for education and awareness to  
7 prevent accidental injuries and criminal victimization must be  
8 explored and, on a broader level, campaigns must be developed to  
9 increase awareness of all health and safety issues are needed to  
10 reduce the number of accidents that occur and to decrease  
11 criminal activity; now, therefore,  
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
14 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
15 Session of 2007, that the Hawaii Tourism Authority is requested  
16 to coordinate development and distribution to visitors of  
17 information on recreation safety and crime prevention; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Tourism Authority is  
20 requested to work with the Attorney General, the Chairperson of  
21 the Board of Land and Natural Resources; the Mayor and Chief of  
22 Police of each of the four counties; vendors with which it has  
23 contracted to market Hawaii to the various regions of the world;  
24 the Visitors Bureau for each of the four counties; and  
25 representatives of the air and cruise lines serving Hawaii, the  
26 Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association, and medical and social  
27 service professionals; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Tourism Authority is  
30 requested to submit a report to the Legislature of its findings  
31 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no  
32 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
33 Session of 2008; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
36 Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General, the  
37 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Resources, the Chair and  
38 the Executive Director of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, the  
39 Mayor and Chief of Police of each of the four counties, the  
40 Executive Director of the Visitors Bureau of each county, who,  
41 in turn, is requested to submit copies to the Hawaii Hotel and



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1 Lodging Association, the Visitor Aloha Society of Hawaii, and  
2 the Hawaii Hotel and Visitor Industry Security Association in  
3 that county.  
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