SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO IDENTIFY, DURING THE 2009 REGULAR SESSION, TWO POSSIBLE LOCATIONS TO USE AS A HEADQUARTERS SITE FOR THE SHERIFF DIVISION.

WHEREAS, the Sheriff Division within the Department of Public Safety is responsible for maintaining the peace, protecting all persons and property under the control of the Judiciary, and carrying out law enforcement services for all State facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff Division has never had a permanent or centrally located headquarters; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff Division currently has sheriffs located at various places on Oahu, including at Pier 20, Honolulu International Airport, First Circuit Court, and the State Capitol building; and

WHEREAS, a headquarters for the Sheriff Division would enable the sheriffs and their staff to work effectively in carrying out their duties, in conjunction with other federal, State, and county law enforcement agencies, to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of all people in the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, a headquarters for the Sheriff Division would enable the sheriffs to better serve and protect the people and property within its jurisdiction and provide a permanent location for people to contact the Sheriff Division if help is needed; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety's identification of two possible locations for a Sheriff Division headquarters for consideration during the 2009 Regular Session would provide much needed momentum in establishing a permanent headquarters; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,

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that the Department of Public Safety is requested to identify two possible locations for consideration during the 2009 Regular Session to use as a headquarters for the Sheriff Division; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety is requested to report its findings and recommendations regarding a permanent site for the Sheriff Division headquarters to the Governor and the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2009 Regular Session; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Director of Public Safety, and the Administrator of the Sheriff Division.

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