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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES  
ENFORCEMENT TO APPLY FOR ACCREDITATION WITH THE COMMISSION  
ON ACCREDITATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, INC.

1 WHEREAS, the Division of Conservation and Resources  
2 Enforcement of the Department of Land and Natural Resources  
3 underwent a financial and management audit in 2005; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the Management Audit of the Division of  
6 Conservation and Resources Enforcement, Report No. 06-01,  
7 January 2006, affirmed the importance of having a Division of  
8 Conservation and Resources Enforcement to protect Hawaii's  
9 precious natural and cultural resources and identified several  
10 areas needing restructure and reorganization to improve the  
11 effectiveness of those efforts; and  
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13 WHEREAS, in response to the January 2006 report the  
14 Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement underwent  
15 extensive strategic planning and as a Division determined that  
16 their main priority is to restructure their internal  
17 organization to increase professionalism, accountability,  
18 transparency, responsibility, effectiveness, and efficiency; and  
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20 WHEREAS, in order to achieve the level of effectiveness,  
21 accountability, transparency, and other objectives sought, the  
22 Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement identified  
23 law enforcement recognition or accreditation as the appropriate  
24 solution; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the Commission on Accreditation for Law  
27 Enforcement Agencies, Inc. specializes in accrediting law  
28 enforcement agencies; and  
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30 WHEREAS, the Commission on Accreditation for Law  
31 Enforcement Agencies, Inc. provides services to strengthen and  
32 improve staffing, oversee and train officers, establish law  
33 enforcement standards, assist in strategizing to protect natural  
34 and cultural resources, improve public accountability, and  
35 evaluate risk management systems; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Division of Conservation and Resources  
3 Enforcement's participation in law enforcement accreditation may  
4 provide the needed internal organization to provide improved  
5 public service and to accomplish the mission and objectives in  
6 the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement's  
7 strategic plan; now, therefore,  
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,  
11 that the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement is  
12 requested to apply for accreditation with the Commission on  
13 Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Division of Conservation  
16 and Resources Enforcement is requested to submit an application  
17 no later than January 31, 2010 for accreditation with the  
18 Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.;  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Division of Conservation  
22 and Resources Enforcement is requested to report its findings  
23 and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days  
24 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
28 Land and Natural Resources and the Administrator of the Division  
29 of Conservation and Resources Enforcement.  
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OFFERED BY:

