SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO H.C.R. NO. 85, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, REGULAR SESSION OF 2016, TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE CURRENT STATUS, STAFFING, RESOURCES, CURRICULUM, AND LEVELS OF STAFF PARTICIPATION AT THE CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING ACADEMY.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety has over two thousand five hundred authorized positions; and

WHEREAS, untrained or poorly trained staff can lead to an unsafe workplace, low morale, and an inefficient workforce; and

WHEREAS, due to budgetary constraints, the Department of Public Safety lacks a standardized training program for current employees and a coordinated effort to sustain a skilled and experienced workforce; and

WHEREAS, properly trained employees can help to properly manage inmates and reduce recidivism, which can help the State to reduce correctional costs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the House of Representatives concurring, that the task force established pursuant to H.C.R. No. 85, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, Regular Session of 2016, is requested to submit a report to the Legislature on the current status, staffing, resources, curriculum, and levels of staff participation at the Department of Public Safety training academy no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice and Director of Public Safety.