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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING AN INCREASED HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENCE IN WAIANAE, THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU, CHINATOWN AND DOWNTOWN HONOLULU AREAS.

WHEREAS, the Chinatown Historic District in Honolulu is one of the oldest Chinatowns in the United States, and Downtown Honolulu is home to some of Oahu's most historic places; and

WHEREAS, Waianae is one of the most historic and culturally rich areas of Oahu; and

WHEREAS, Oahu's North Shore is one of the State's most scenic areas and features world-famous beaches, majestic ocean waves, unique restaurants and retail businesses, and a quiet and respectful community; and

WHEREAS, it is important to maintain the safety of residents, business owners, workers, and patrons, as well as to protect their property and possessions and encourage commercial activity; and

WHEREAS, crimes such as drug dealing, illegal gambling, robbery, arson, vandalism, theft, and burglary are plaguing residents and business owners and dissuading visitors from visiting these areas; and

WHEREAS, there was an increase in crime, particularly in assaults and thefts, during the last quarter of 2016; and

WHEREAS, while the number of reported incidents within a short period of time is already a concern, many crimes may not be reported to the Honolulu Police Department; and

WHEREAS, increasing the visible presence of uniformed police officers would improve public safety by deterring

criminal activity as well as providing more immediate assistance to victims once a crime has been committed; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu and the Honolulu City Council are strongly urged to allocate more resources to the Honolulu Police Department, for the purpose of increasing visible police presence in, and active patrols of, Waianae, the North Shore, and the Downtown and Chinatown areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Chair of the Honolulu City Council, and Chief of the Honolulu Police Department.