
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE CAPITOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER
SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE STATE CAPITOL.

1 WHEREAS, the state capitol building opened in 1969, is the
2 State's central meeting and decision-making location, and is
3 open to the general public during operating hours; and
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5 WHEREAS, the capitol building was designed and constructed
6 during an era in which security concerns were much different
7 than they are today; and
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9 WHEREAS, the capitol building does not include metal
10 detectors or controlled access points to deter weapons and other
11 contraband; and
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13 WHEREAS, the capitol building also does not include
14 adequate security measures to prevent unauthorized vehicles from
15 entering the capitol grounds or the rotunda; and
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17 WHEREAS, visitors to the state capitol building have
18 sometimes caused disturbances or created dangerous situations,
19 including making direct threats to visitors or capitol
20 employees; and
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22 WHEREAS, there is a need to improve security at the state
23 capitol building to better ensure public safety at the capitol;
24 now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the State Capitol
29 Management Committee is urged to consider security improvements
30 for the state capitol; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Capitol Management
2 Committee is urged to collaborate with the Governor, the
3 Legislature, the Department of Accounting and General Services,
4 the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Department of
5 Public Safety, and the Honolulu Police Department regarding
6 potential security improvements for the state capitol; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Capitol Management
9 Committee is urged to consider security improvements that will
10 allow for controlled access points on the rotunda and chamber
11 levels when appropriate, the detection of weapons and other
12 contraband, and the prevention of unauthorized vehicles from
13 entering the capitol grounds or rotunda, but that do not
14 diminish the capitol building's unique and valued tradition of
15 being open, welcoming, and accessible to the people of Hawaii
16 and visitors from around the world; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
19 Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Division is urged
20 to promptly evaluate the potential necessity of any exemptions
21 from applicable historic preservation designations or related
22 restrictions to accomplish the security improvements; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Capitol Management
25 Committee is requested to provide a report on its efforts to
26 effectuate the purposes of this measure, including a
27 comprehensive security plan for the state capitol and a budget
28 detailing funds necessary for implementing and maintaining the
29 proposed security plan, no later than twenty days prior to the
30 convening of the 2019 Regular Session; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the State
34 Capitol Management Committee, Governor, Chair of the Board of
35 Land and Natural Resources, Comptroller, Director of Public
36 Safety, Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of
37 the Senate, and Chief of the Honolulu Police Department.

