HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2018 STATE OF HAWAII

H.R. NO. ¹⁶ H.D. 1

HOUSE 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 1 2 of the oldest Chinatowns in the United States, and Downtown 3 Honolulu is home to some of Oahu's most historic places; and 4 WHEREAS, Waianae is one of the most historic and culturally 5 rich areas of O'ahu; and 6 7 8 WHEREAS, Oahu's North Shore is one of the State's most scenic areas and features world-famous beaches, majestic ocean 9 waves, unique restaurants and retail businesses, and a quiet and 10 11 respectful community; and 12 WHEREAS, it is important to maintain the safety of 13 residents, business owners, workers, and patrons, as well as to 14 protect their property and possessions and encourage commercial 15 activity; and 16 17 WHEREAS, crimes such as drug dealing, illegal gambling, 18 robbery, arson, vandalism, theft, and burglary are plaguing 19 20 residents and business owners and dissuading visitors from visiting these areas; and 21 22 23 WHEREAS, there has been an increase in crime, particularly in assaults and thefts, during the last quarter of 2016; and 24 25 WHEREAS, while the number of reported incidents within a 26 short period of time is already a concern, many crimes may not 27 be reported to the Honolulu Police Department; and 28 29 WHEREAS, increasing the visible presence of uniformed 30 police officers would improve public safety by deterring 31



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1 criminal activity as well as providing more immediate assistance to victims once a crime has been committed; now, therefore, 2 3 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 4 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 5 of 2018, that the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu and 6 the Honolulu City Council are strongly urged to allocate more 7 resources to the Honolulu Police Department, for the purpose of 8 9 increasing visible police presence in, and active patrols of, Waianae, the North Shore, and the Downtown and Chinatown areas; 10 and 11 12 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of 14 15 Honolulu, the Chair of the Honolulu City Council, the Chief of the Honolulu Police Department. 16 17 18 19

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