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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO OPEN A POLICE STATION
ON OAHU'S NORTH SHORE.

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

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6 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau
7 estimates that more than half of Oahu's 6,500,000 visitors make
8 the trek to the North Shore at some time during their stay on
9 Oahu; and

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11 WHEREAS, it is important to maintain the safety of North
12 Shore residents, business owners, workers, and patrons as well
13 as to protect their property and possessions and preserve the
14 community-based lifestyle of Oahu's North Shore; and

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16 WHEREAS, residents have reported that crimes such as arson,
17 vandalism, theft, and burglary have sharply increased in the
18 community, making residents feel unsafe and dissuading visitors
19 from visiting the North Shore; and

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21 WHEREAS, on December 7, 2017, tourists found the body of an
22 elementary school teacher who had been cleaning a rental home on
23 Ke Iki Road near Sunset Beach with her eight-year-old daughter
24 and five days later, a man and a woman were charged with murder,
25 two counts of kidnapping, and burglary in connection with the
26 teacher's death; and

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28 WHEREAS, according to the latest Honolulu Police Department
29 (HPD) annual reports from 2015 and 2016, there was an increase
30 in the total index crime rate that consists of murder, rape,
31 robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and auto theft



1 reports in Wahiawa's District 2, which includes the North Shore;
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4 WHEREAS, the total index crime rate reported for District 2
5 increased from 2,023 to 2,055 crimes per 100,000 residents in
6 2015 and 2016, respectively, according to data extrapolated by
7 the Attorney General's Research and Statistics Division; and

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9 WHEREAS, in District 2 from 2015 to 2016, reports of
10 burglary increased from 320 to 359 and auto theft reports
11 increased from 284 to 324; and

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13 WHEREAS, North Shore residents have reported an increase in
14 motor vehicle-related crimes, particularly motor vehicle break-
15 ins, over the past two years; and

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17 WHEREAS, over the span of one weekend in early March 2016,
18 residents reported a series of potentially connected crimes
19 including four motor vehicle break-ins and three motor vehicle
20 fires; and

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22 WHEREAS, according to an HPD report encompassing January
23 2018, there were 304 reported crimes, including 65 reports of
24 theft, 96 reports of unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle,
25 and 23 reports of burglary in District 2; and

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27 WHEREAS, according to HPD, there were 33 reported incidents
28 relating to burglary, motor vehicle theft, theft, and
29 unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle from January 29, 2018,
30 through February 11, 2018, in Sector 3 of District 2, identified
31 as the areas of Waialua and the North Shore; and

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33 WHEREAS, while the number of reported incidents within a
34 short period of time is already a concern, total incidence of
35 crime on the North Shore may be even higher as many crimes may
36 not be reported to HPD; and

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38 WHEREAS, in addition to the alarming rate of criminal
39 activity, North Shore has also noticed an increase of homeless
40 individuals in the area; and



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1 WHEREAS, according to the Hawaii Statewide Point-In-Time
2 Count, the number of unsheltered persons experiencing
3 homelessness in the region from Wahiawa to North Shore increased
4 by 74.2 percent from 2016 to 2017; and
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6 WHEREAS, members of the North Shore community and area
7 business owners are calling for more police presence in the
8 area, due to concerns about the recent increase in incidence and
9 severity of criminal activity and homelessness; now, therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the
13 House of Representatives concurring, that the Honolulu Police
14 Department is strongly urged to open a police station on the
15 North Shore of Oahu; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief of the
19 Honolulu Police Department.
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OFFERED BY:












