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S.R. NO. 81

SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING AN INCREASED HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENCE 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 and five days later a man and a
24 woman were charged with murder, kidnapping, and burglary in
25 connection with her death; and
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27 WHEREAS, according to the latest Honolulu Police Department
28 (HPD) annual reports from 2015 and 2016, there was an increase
29 in the total index crime rate that consists of murder, rape,
30 robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and auto theft
31 reports in Wahiawa's District 2, which includes the North Shore;
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1 WHEREAS, the total index crime rate reported for District 2
2 increased from 2,023 to 2,055 crimes per 100,000 residents in
3 2015 and 2016, respectively, according to data extrapolated by
4 the Attorney General's Research and Statistics Division; and

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6 WHEREAS, in District 2 from 2015 to 2016, reports of
7 burglary increased from 320 to 359 and auto theft reports
8 increased from 284 to 324; and

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10 WHEREAS, North Shore residents have reported an increase in
11 crime, particularly car break-ins, during the final months of
12 2017; and

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14 WHEREAS, according an HPD report encompassing January 2018,
15 there were 304 reported crimes, including 65 reports of theft,
16 96 reports of unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle, and 23
17 reports of burglary in District 2; and

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

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

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30 WHEREAS, members of the North Shore community and area
31 business owners are calling for more police presence in the
32 area, due to concerns about the recent increase in incidence and
33 severity of criminal activity; and

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35 WHEREAS, the North Shore is similar to Waikiki as both
36 districts are frequented by many visitors and have high
37 incidences of property crime; and

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39 WHEREAS, while police have increased patrols and added
40 newly graduated officers to the Waikiki district after a string
41 of crimes in the area in late 2017, a similar HPD enforcement



WHEREAS, increasing the visible presence of uniformed police officers improves 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 FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, the Chair of the Honolulu City Council, the Chief of the Honolulu Police Department, and the Chair of the North Shore Neighborhood Board.

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