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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS BOARD TO CONDUCT A STUDY EVALUATING THE POTENTIAL OF CONSOLIDATING LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INTO A SINGLE STATE DEPARTMENT.

1           WHEREAS, state law enforcement personnel and functions are  
2 currently spread across various departments and also county  
3 agencies. This leads to many discrepancies in the  
4 administration, operation, and management of law enforcement  
5 services in the State; and

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7           WHEREAS, under existing law, the Department of Public  
8 Safety, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Department  
9 of Transportation all have independent law officers and  
10 different law enforcement duties; and

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12           WHEREAS, because each department administers its own law  
13 enforcement duties, law enforcement and training standards tend  
14 to lack uniformity and differ between each department; and

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16           WHEREAS, a single state entity that is responsible for the  
17 administration and management of law enforcement services  
18 throughout the State would promote uniform standards for all law  
19 enforcement services and officers in the State; now, therefore,

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21           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
22 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the Law  
23 Enforcement Standards Board is requested to conduct a study  
24 evaluating the potential of consolidating law enforcement  
25 activities and responsibilities of the Department of Public  
26 Safety, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Department  
27 of Transportation into a single state department; and

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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting its study, the  
30 Law Enforcement Standards Board is requested to examine the  
31 potential of having a centralized certification process for all  
32 law enforcement in the State; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Public Safety, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and Director of Transportation.

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