
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO UNDERTAKE A BROADLY BASED
ECONOMIC AND SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY TO IDENTIFY FACTORS THAT
CONTRIBUTE TO CRIME IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, crime and incarceration rates reveal the disparate
2 impacts that criminal activity has on various communities in the
3 State; and

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5 WHEREAS, both crime and incarceration rates are unevenly
6 distributed among population groups when viewed relative to
7 those groups' percentage composition of the State's population;
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10 WHEREAS, certain racial and ethnic groups may be
11 stigmatized by their disproportionate representation in relation
12 to arrests for criminal acts; and

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14 WHEREAS, various public programs and private initiatives
15 that address crime prevention, recidivism, and rehabilitation
16 could benefit from an in-depth examination of the underlying
17 socio-economic factors that contribute to criminal and anti-
18 social behavior in the State; and

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20 WHEREAS, a Hawaii-specific study should include an
21 examination of factors that potentially contribute to crime,
22 including low levels of educational attainment, social and
23 cultural barriers to success, economic stress, and the lack of
24 targeted government programs to alleviate these conditions; now,
25 therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii is
30 requested to undertake a broadly based economic and sociological




1 study to identify factors that contribute to crime in the State;
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study identify ways in
5 which the factors that contribute to crime in the State may be
6 addressed by policymakers at varying levels of government; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
9 requested to submit a report of its findings and
10 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
11 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
12 the Regular Session of 2022; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
16 University of Hawaii System and Chair of the Board of Regents of
17 the University of Hawaii System.
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OFFERED BY:



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