HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS IN THE STATE TO VIGOROUSLY ENFORCE AND PROSECUTE OFFENSES COMMITTED AGAINST ESSENTIAL WORKERS WHILE ON THE JOB.

WHEREAS, the outbreak of the novel coronavirus disease, SARS-CoV-2, has given rise to the public's reliance upon a multitude of workers for essential services, such as health care, grocery and food service, hospitality, airline travel, and ground transportation; and

WHEREAS, essential workers' jobs often involve a high degree of face-to-face interaction with the public; and

WHEREAS, in the course of their employment, essential workers are required to relay to customers and other members of the public government-enacted emergency rules and orders; and

WHEREAS, in the course of their employment, essential workers are also required to enforce these rules and orders; and

WHEREAS, it is unacceptable that essential workers are often harassed or confronted, sometimes physically, while trying to do their jobs by persons who do not wish to follow the emergency rules and orders; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, that all law enforcement officers and prosecuting attorneys in the State are urged to vigorously enforce and prosecute offenses committed against essential workers while on the job; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief of Police and Prosecuting Attorney of each county.

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