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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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



1 sociological study to identify factors that contribute to crime  
2 in the State; and  
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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: Kurt Ferrell

