
SENATE CONCURRENT 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.

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

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

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

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

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17 WHEREAS, an essential worker is defined by the Advisory
18 Committee on Immunization Practices within the Centers for
19 Disease Control and Prevention as those at "highest risk for
20 work-related exposure to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes
21 COVID-19, because their work-related duties must be performed
22 on-suite and involve being in close proximity (<6 feet) to the
23 public or to coworkers" and further lists the types of workers
24 considered "essential workers;" and

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26 WHEREAS, it is unacceptable that essential workers are
27 often harassed or confronted, sometimes physically, while trying
28 to do their jobs by persons who do not wish to follow the
29 emergency rules and orders; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that all law enforcement
4 officers and prosecuting attorneys in the State are urged to
5 vigorously enforce and prosecute offenses committed against
6 essential workers while on the job; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief of Police and
10 Prosecuting Attorney of each county.
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