
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ESTABLISH A NEW POLICE DISTRICT IN LEEWARD OAHU TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE POLICE SERVICES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE FOR GROWING LEEWARD OAHU COMMUNITIES.

1 WHEREAS, the jurisdiction of the Honolulu Police Department
2 includes the entire island of Oahu, which has an estimated
3 resident and military personnel population of nearly 964,000
4 according to State of Hawaii Data Book 2020 data; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department is comprised of
7 eight patrol districts and twenty-nine divisions that serve
8 Oahu; and
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10 WHEREAS, Honolulu Police Department district stations are
11 located in Kalihi, Kaneohe, Kapolei, Pearl City, and Wahiawa,
12 with police substations located in Chinatown, Kahuku, Kailua,
13 Waianae, and Waikiki; and
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15 WHEREAS, a significant percentage of Oahu's population
16 reside in Leeward Oahu, which includes the communities of
17 Waipahu, Ewa, and Nanakuli, to the coast of Maili, Waianae, and
18 Makaha; and
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20 WHEREAS, according to statistics from the 2020 State of
21 Hawaii Data Book, populations in the Leeward Oahu communities
22 rose between 2015-2019, when compared to the 2010 populations of
23 those communities; and
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25 WHEREAS, besides serving the needs of the Leeward Oahu
26 resident population, the workload of Honolulu Police Department
27 District 8 is also amplified by residents and visitors who are
28 drawn to the sunny and relaxed atmosphere of these close-knit
29 residential communities; attractions of Yokohama Bay, Makaha
30 Beach, and Kaena Point; luxurious amenities of world-class



1 resorts; thrilling experience of a water park; and enjoyment of
2 a luau dining experience; and

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4 WHEREAS, Honolulu Police Department Crimemapping Data
5 indicates that Honolulu Police Department District 8, which
6 covers the communities of Ewa, Ewa Beach, West Loch, Barbers
7 Point, Kapolei, Makakilo, Campbell Industrial Park, Honokai
8 Hale, Ko Olina, Nanakuli, Maili, Waianae, Makaha, Makua, and
9 Kaena, responds to an array of calls that include assaults,
10 burglaries, drug and alcohol violations, homicides, motor
11 vehicle theft, sex crimes, vandalism, and disturbing the peace;
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14 WHEREAS, furthermore, recent news reports indicate that
15 business owners in Kapolei, Honolulu, and other areas have
16 become victims of a rash of thefts and burglaries; and

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18 WHEREAS, this increased criminal activity has prompted
19 calls for a greater police presence and a better law enforcement
20 response; and

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22 WHEREAS, police officers are also responding to a greater
23 number of incidents involving persons who are homeless: the
24 2020 Oahu Point in Time Count indicates that the Ewa/Kapolei
25 region and Waianae Coast region have some of the highest
26 percentages of unsheltered populations on Oahu; and

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28 WHEREAS, the law enforcement needs of a growing Leeward
29 Oahu population call for an additional police station within
30 Honolulu Police Department District 8, which will provide
31 improved police response and other services to the Leeward Oahu
32 communities; now, therefore,

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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
35 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
36 of 2022, that the City and County of Honolulu is urged to
37 establish a new police district in Leeward Oahu to provide
38 adequate police services and law enforcement response for
39 growing Leeward Oahu communities; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
42 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of



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1 Honolulu, Chair of the Honolulu City Council, and Acting Chief
2 of the Honolulu Police Department.

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OFFERED BY:



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