
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL
RESOURCES TO INCREASE POLICE PRESENCE ON THE WAI'ANAE COAST
AND TO CREATE A NEW POLICE DISTRICT FOR WAI'ANAE THAT IS
SEPARATE FROM KAPOLEI AND 'EWA.

1 WHEREAS, Waianae is one of the most historic and culturally
2 rich areas of Oahu; and
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4 WHEREAS, the entire west side of Oahu, including Ewa,
5 Kapolei, Nanakuli, and Waianae, is growing in population; and
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7 WHEREAS, a new police station opened in Waianae in May
8 2016, replacing the old station that was built in 1961; and
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10 WHEREAS, the new police station has 25,172 square feet of
11 space and fourteen holding cells and is more than three times
12 the size of its predecessor; and
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14 WHEREAS, an existing Waianae Community Policing Team
15 focuses on crime reduction through prevention, reporting, and
16 enforcement, as well as traffic safety awareness and
17 enforcement, and attends neighborhood security watch patrols,
18 community clean-ups, town halls, neighborhood boards, and other
19 community functions; however, increased staffing and resources
20 for the Waianae Coast Community Policing Team are warranted and
21 are needed to serve the growing Waianae area and adequately
22 manage the new police station; and
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24 WHEREAS, population, security, safety, and infrastructure
25 demands also favor separating the Waianae coast from Ewa and
26 Kapolei, which are currently combined in the Honolulu Police
27 Department's District 8, and creating a new district
28 encompassing the area from Nanakuli through Kaena Point; and
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1 WHEREAS, according to the Honolulu Police Department Annual
2 Report 2020, there were six murders, fifty-three rapes, one
3 hundred fifteen robberies, two hundred forty-six aggravated
4 assaults, four hundred forty-six burglaries, 2,823 larcenies,
5 and four hundred ninety-one auto thefts reported in 2020 in
6 District 8; and

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8 WHEREAS, of the crimes reported, District 8 had the highest
9 number of murders and aggravated assaults on Oahu in 2020; and

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11 WHEREAS, it is important to maintain the safety of Waianae
12 residents, business owners, workers, and patrons and to protect
13 their property and possessions; and

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15 WHEREAS, concern about the recent increase in and severity
16 of criminal activity has prompted local residents and business
17 owners in Waianae to call for a greater police presence in the
18 area; and

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20 WHEREAS, increasing the visible presence of uniformed
21 police officers would improve public safety by deterring
22 criminal activity and providing more immediate assistance to
23 victims once a crime has been committed; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the Honolulu Police
28 Department is urged to allocate additional resources to increase
29 police presence on the Waianae coast and create a new police
30 district for Waianae that is separate from Kapolei and Ewa; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the new police district is
33 urged to include and be bounded by Nanakuli and Kaena Point; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an increase in staffing and
36 resources is requested for the Waianae Coast Community Policing
37 Team; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City
41 and County of Honolulu, Chair of the Honolulu City Council, and
42 Interim Chief of the Honolulu Police Department.

