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HOUSE CONCURRENT 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 2 3 4 5	WHEREAS, the jurisdiction of the Honolulu Police Department includes the entire island of Oahu, which has an estimated resident and military personnel population of nearly 964,000 according to State of Hawaii Data Book 2020 data; and
6 7 8 9	WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department is comprised of eight patrol districts and twenty-nine divisions that serve Oahu; and
10 11 12 13 14	WHEREAS, Honolulu Police Department district stations are located in Kalihi, Kaneohe, Kapolei, Pearl City, and Wahiawa, with police substations located in Chinatown, Kahuku, Kailua, Waianae, and Waikiki; and
15 16 17 18	WHEREAS, a significant percentage of Oahu's population reside in Leeward Oahu, which includes the communities of Waipahu, Ewa, and Nanakuli, to the coast of Maili, Waianae, and Makaha; and
19 20 21 22 23	WHEREAS, according to statistics from the 2020 State of Hawaii Data Book, populations in the Leeward Oahu communities rose between 2015-2019, when compared to the 2010 populations of those communities; and
24 25 26 27 28 29	WHEREAS, besides serving the needs of the Leeward Oahu resident population, the workload of Honolulu Police Department District 8 is also amplified by residents and visitors who are drawn to the sunny and relaxed atmosphere of these close-knit residential communities; attractions of Yokohama Bay, Makaha

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Beach, and Kaena Point; luxurious amenities of world-class 1 resorts; thrilling experience of a water park; and enjoyment of 2 3 a luau dining experience; and 4 WHEREAS, Honolulu Police Department Crimemapping Data 5 6 indicates that Honolulu Police Department District 8, which 7 covers the communities of Ewa, Ewa Beach, West Loch, Barbers Point, Kapolei, Makakilo, Campbell Industrial Park, Honokai 8 Hale, Ko Olina, Nanakuli, Maili, Waianae, Makaha, Makua, and 9 10 Kaena, responds to an array of calls that include assaults, burglaries, drug and alcohol violations, homicides, motor 11 12 vehicle theft, sex crimes, vandalism, and disturbing the peace; and 13 14 15 WHEREAS, furthermore, recent news reports indicate that business owners in Kapolei, Honolulu, and other areas have 16 become victims of a rash of thefts and burglaries; and 17 18 19 WHEREAS, this increased criminal activity has prompted 20 calls for a greater police presence and a better law enforcement 21 response; and 22 23 WHEREAS, police officers are also responding to a greater 24 number of incidents involving persons who are homeless: the 25 2020 Oahu Point in Time Count indicates that the Ewa/Kapolei region and Waianae Coast region have some of the highest 26 27 percentages of unsheltered populations on Oahu; and 28 29 WHEREAS, the law enforcement needs of a growing Leeward Oahu population call for an additional police station within 30 31 Honolulu Police Department District 8, which will provide improved police response and other services to the Leeward Oahu 32 communities; now, therefore, 33 34 35 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 36 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 37 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the City and County of Honolulu is urged to establish a new police district in Leeward 38 39 Oahu to provide adequate police services and law enforcement 40 response for growing Leeward Oahu communities; and 41

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

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