
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND HONOLULU POLICE
DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE POLICE PRESENCE IN HALEIWA DUE TO AN
INCREASE IN HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND CRIME IN THE AREA.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has one of the highest rates of
2 homelessness in the nation; and

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4 WHEREAS, in addition to posing a direct risk to the health
5 and safety of affected individuals, homelessness also serves as
6 an added stressor or contributing factor in many crimes; and

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8 WHEREAS, Haleiwa is home to many residents and is one of
9 the most popular destinations for visitors, as it is well-known
10 for good surfing conditions and unique Hawaii foods and
11 shopping; and

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13 WHEREAS, however, due to an increase in homeless
14 individuals in Haleiwa, there has been an increase in crime,
15 particularly because of the high number of visitors to the area,
16 who are often victims of theft and other crimes; and

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18 WHEREAS, there is also a growing concern about violent
19 crime committed by unsheltered persons; and

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21 WHEREAS, an increase in law enforcement presence in Haleiwa
22 would help to deter crime and increase safety in the area for
23 visitors and residents; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2023, that the City and County of Honolulu and
28 Honolulu Police Department are urged to increase police presence
29 in Haleiwa due to an increase in homeless individuals and crime
30 in the area; and

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