HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE POLICE PRESENCE IN HALEIWA TO MATCH POLICE PRESENCE IN WAIKIKI.

WHEREAS, Waikiki attracts a large number of visitors as the State's top tourist destination; consequently, it also attracts criminal and violent activity; and

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WHEREAS, to address and reduce potential criminal or violent activity and to ensure the safety of the State's top tourist destination, the Honolulu Police Department dispatches a large number of its officers to Waikiki;

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WHEREAS, Haleiwa is home to many residents and is one of the most popular tourist destinations after Waikiki, as it is well-known for good surfing conditions and unique foods and shopping; and

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WHEREAS, the Haleiwa community shares similar burdens as the Waikiki community and specifically in recent years, has experienced a noticeable increase in criminal activity, similar to that of Waikiki, with many residents reporting that the area is unsafe after sunset; and

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WHEREAS, according to the Honolulu Police Department's crime mapping, since October 1, 2023, there were three assaults, one sex crime, one weapons crime, and two thefts in Haleiwa; and

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WHEREAS, an increase in law enforcement presence in Haleiwa that matches the law enforcement presence in Waikiki would help deter crime and increase safety in the area for residents and visitors; now, therefore,

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31 32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, that the Honolulu Police Department is urged to

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increase police presence in Haleiwa to match police presence in Waikiki; and

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

OFFERED BY:

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