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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO SEND FIVE HUNDRED HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS TO ASSIST THE TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD IN POLICING THE UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER.

1           WHEREAS, since the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic,  
2 hundreds of thousands of migrants have attempted to illegally  
3 enter the United States through the United States-Mexico border;  
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6           WHEREAS, the United States Border Patrol reports monthly  
7 the number of "encounters" between Border Patrol officers and  
8 migrants, including migrants the officers apprehended or  
9 expelled from the country; and

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11           WHEREAS, in December 2023, Border Patrol officers reported  
12 more than two hundred fifty thousand encounters, representing a  
13 record high; and

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15           WHEREAS, Border Patrol reports that the migrants attempting  
16 to illegally enter the United States at the southern border are  
17 not just from Mexico but also from El Salvador, Guatemala,  
18 Honduras, and other countries; and

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20           WHEREAS, Hawaii is home to approximately fifty-one thousand  
21 undocumented persons, including approximately three thousand  
22 undocumented persons from Mexico and Central America; and

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24           WHEREAS, a large percentage of the illegal drugs in the  
25 United States, including fentanyl, also enters the country  
26 through Mexico; and

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28           WHEREAS, according to the National Institutes of Health in  
29 2020, Hawaii experienced two hundred seventy-four  
30 overdose-related deaths, many of which involved fentanyl; and  
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1 WHEREAS, since 2021, thousands of members of the Texas  
2 National Guard have been assigned to help police the border  
3 between the United States and Mexico; and  
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5 WHEREAS, at least fourteen states, including Arkansas,  
6 Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma,  
7 South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia  
8 and Wyoming, have also sent National Guard members to the United  
9 States-Mexico border to assist the Texas National Guard; and  
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11 WHEREAS, it is in Hawaii's best interest to help prevent  
12 undocumented migrants and illegal drugs from entering the United  
13 States; now, therefore,  
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
16 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
17 Session of 2024, that the Governor is urged to send five hundred  
18 Hawaii National Guard members to assist the Texas National Guard  
19 in policing the United States-Mexico border; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Hawaii, Adjutant  
23 General of Hawaii, Governor of Texas, and Adjutant General of  
24 Texas.  
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