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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII
AND PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
TO PROSECUTE ALL CASES WITHIN THE WEED AND SEED SITES IN
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, in 1991, the United States Department of Justice
2 founded Operation Weed and Seed; and

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4 WHEREAS, the goals of Weed and Seed are to control
5 drug-related crimes and violence in high-crime neighborhoods and
6 to provide a safe environment that is free of crime and drug
7 use; and

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9 WHEREAS, the strategy of Weed and Seed is a two-pronged
10 approach in that the law enforcement agencies and prosecutors
11 "weed" out criminals from the designated area and "seed" in
12 neighborhood revitalization services; and

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14 WHEREAS, there are four components to the Weed and Seed
15 strategy:

16 (1) Law enforcement;

17 (2) Community policing;

18 (3) Prevention, intervention, and treatment; and

19 (4) Neighborhood restoration; and

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21 WHEREAS, there are three sites within the Weed and Seed
22 Hawaii program: Site 1 is Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala
23 Moana-Sheridan; Site 2 is Waipahu; and Site 3 is Ewa Beach-Ewa;
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1 WHEREAS, Weed and Seed cases may include drug-related
2 crime, burglary, assault, disorderly conduct, and criminal
3 trespass in the first degree; and
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5 WHEREAS, in a pending criminal case, the Honolulu Police
6 Department may request the Department of the Prosecuting
7 Attorney to seek a geographic restriction from the presiding
8 judge, temporarily prohibiting the defendant from entering the
9 applicable Weed and Seed site; and
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11 WHEREAS, the purpose of the geographical restriction is to
12 target the individuals known to law enforcement for committing
13 crimes in the Weed and Seed site; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the United States
18 Attorney for the District of Hawaii and Prosecuting Attorney of
19 the City and County of Honolulu are requested to prosecute all
20 cases within the Weed and Seed sites in Hawaii; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States
24 Attorney for the District of Hawaii, Prosecuting Attorney of the
25 City and County of Honolulu, and Chief of the Honolulu Police
26 Department.
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