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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO INCLUDE HAWAII  
IN THE MISSING OR MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS REGIONAL  
OUTREACH PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, indigenous persons, including Native Hawaiians and  
2 Pacific Islanders, are frequently victims of violence; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center  
5 describes the high incidence of missing and murdered indigenous  
6 women as being part of a "spectrum of violence" that many  
7 indigenous women experience, including domestic violence, dating  
8 violence, and sexual violence; and  
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10 WHEREAS, according to the National Institute of Justice,  
11 there were eight hundred seventy-five missing indigenous persons  
12 cases in the United States as of July 2024; and  
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14 WHEREAS, in 2021, President Biden's Executive Order No.  
15 14053 recognized the need to "address the crisis of ongoing  
16 violence against Native Americans - and of missing or murdered  
17 indigenous people"; and  
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19 WHEREAS, in response to the president's order, the United  
20 States Department of Justice established the Missing or Murdered  
21 Indigenous Persons Regional Outreach program, to help prevent,  
22 solve, and prosecute missing or murdered indigenous person  
23 cases; and  
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25 WHEREAS, for purposes of the program, United States  
26 Attorneys' Offices in Alaska, Arizona, Eastern Washington,  
27 Minnesota, New Mexico, Northern Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota,  
28 and Western Michigan were each assigned five assistant United  
29 States Attorneys and five Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons  
30 Coordinators; and



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WHEREAS, Hawaii has the eighth highest rate of missing persons per capita in the nation, with 7.5 missing persons per hundred thousand residents; and

WHEREAS, a disproportionate number of the missing persons in Hawaii are indigenous, specifically Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii would greatly benefit from dedicated federal resources to help address the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous persons in the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the United States Department of Justice is requested to include Hawaii in the Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons Regional Outreach program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States Attorney General and United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii.

OFFERED BY:

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