
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PROMOTION AND EXPANSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF
HONOLULU NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY WATCH PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department coordinates a
2 neighborhood security watch program; and

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4 WHEREAS, numerous communities have established neighborhood
5 security watch groups, with approximately twelve thousand
6 residents participating across Oahu; and

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8 WHEREAS, neighborhood security watch program members and
9 participants receive education on operation identification,
10 residential security inspections, reporting suspicious activity
11 to 911 emergency services, and describing suspects; and

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13 WHEREAS, the neighborhood security watch program is an
14 important tool for improving community security, effective crime
15 deterrence, activating community involvement and integration,
16 and fostering and strengthening neighbor relationships; and

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18 WHEREAS, neighborhood security watch groups in
19 participating communities are spearheaded by a volunteer program
20 coordinator who serves as the liaison between the community and
21 police; and

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23 WHEREAS, the program coordinator works directly with
24 district police officers, designated block captains, and
25 community members; and

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27 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu makes available to
28 participants house decals and street signs to show that
29 communities and individual residents are participating in the
30 neighborhood security watch program; and

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32 WHEREAS, neighborhood security watch groups are entirely
33 organized and maintained by community volunteers; and



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WHEREAS, the neighborhood security watch program could be even more effective if greater public resources were provided to participating community groups; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, that the City and County of Honolulu is requested to promote and expand the neighborhood security watch program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu is requested to establish a prototype pilot program that provides minimal funding budget allowance for a community or communities that have an established and active neighborhood security watch program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pilot program budget allowance is requested to provide to the program coordinator, at minimum, funding for one mailer per home, per quarter, in the selected community or communities, and funding for regular meetings of the neighborhood security watch group or groups; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate Honolulu Police Department division is requested to provide accounting and oversight of the pilot program funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if proven successful, the pilot program is requested to be expanded to other communities; and

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

OFFERED BY:

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