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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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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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2 WHEREAS, the neighborhood security watch program could be  
3 even more effective if greater public resources were provided to  
4 participating community groups; now, therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
7 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
8 of 2025, that the City and County of Honolulu is requested to  
9 promote and expand the neighborhood security watch program; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu  
12 is requested to establish a prototype pilot program that  
13 provides minimal funding budget allowance for a community or  
14 communities that have an established and active neighborhood  
15 security watch program; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pilot program budget  
18 allowance is requested to provide to the program coordinator, at  
19 minimum, funding for one mailer per home, per quarter, in the  
20 selected community or communities, and funding for regular  
21 meetings of the neighborhood security watch group or groups; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate Honolulu Police  
24 Department division is requested to provide accounting and  
25 oversight of the pilot program funding; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if proven successful, the  
28 pilot program is requested to be expanded to other communities;  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of  
33 Honolulu; Chief of the Honolulu Police Department; and Chair of  
34 the Honolulu City Council.  
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