
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING HAWAII'S LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND GREATLY
APPRECIATING THE SACRIFICES MADE TO PROTECT AND SERVE OUR
COMMUNITIES.

1 WHEREAS, more than 2,700 law enforcement officers in the
2 State risk their lives daily to serve and protect their
3 communities; and

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5 WHEREAS, the law enforcement officers of the State perform
6 their difficult and dangerous job honorably and professionally;
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9 WHEREAS, dedicated efforts by law enforcement officers have
10 successfully brought down the crime rate over the past decade,
11 positioning the state of Hawaii as fifth in the nation for low
12 violent crime rates according to U.S. News and World Report; and

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14 WHEREAS, the environment for officers has become
15 increasingly more hostile and their safety more precarious; and

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17 WHEREAS, over a 170 years ago, the first Hawaii Police
18 officer gave his life to ensure the safety of residents; and

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20 WHEREAS, Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation has
21 recognized the continued sacrifice of our law enforcement
22 professionals, noting that eighty-four men and women have died
23 in the line of duty for the residents of Hawaii; and

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25 WHEREAS, Hawaii experienced a recent tragedy when Maui
26 police officer, Suzanne O, was killed in the line of duty in
27 response to a shooting incident at the Pā'ia Sugar Mill off
28 Baldwin Avenue on August 15, 2025; and



1 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers typically encounter
2 between 400 and 600 traumatic events during their career as an
3 officer, compared to three or four traumatic events encountered
4 by the average citizen; and

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6 WHEREAS, the unusually high number of traumatic events
7 experienced by law enforcement officers has contributed to a
8 fifty-four percent higher suicide rate among officers than among
9 other workers in the United States; and

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11 WHEREAS, over the last decade, law enforcement officer
12 vacancies have continued to grow leaving the City and County of
13 Honolulu alone with over 400 vacant positions; and

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15 WHEREAS, the high vacancy rate has resulted in a
16 dangerously low level of sworn officers able to serve and
17 protect Hawaii's communities; and

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19 WHEREAS, supporting law enforcement officers with the
20 equipment, training, and funding needed to protect communities
21 from criminal violence has long received overwhelming public
22 support across the political spectrum; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that these bodies support
27 Hawaii's law enforcement officers and greatly appreciate the
28 sacrifices made to protect and serve our communities; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Thirty-third Legislature
31 remembers and honors those officers and their families who have
32 experienced death or injury in the line of duty; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that increased measures be taken to
35 maximize the safety and well-being of officers, including more
36 policing personnel, improved training and equipment, tougher
37 penalties for assaulting or killing a law enforcement
38 professional, and increased mental health resources for
39 officers; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all levels of government shall
2 ensure that law enforcement professionals receive the support
3 and resources needed to keep the State safe; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
7 of Law Enforcement, Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police
8 Department, Chief of Police of the Maui Police Department, Chief
9 of Police of the Hawaii Police Department, and Chief of Police
10 of the Kauai Police Department.
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