
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR AND MAYORS TO TAKE ACTION TO REASSURE ALL VISITORS TO HAWAII THAT THEY WILL BE TREATED SAFELY, LEGALLY, AND ETHICALLY BY ALL STATE AND COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES UPON THEIR ARRIVAL AND THROUGHOUT THEIR STAY.

1 WHEREAS, the current United States presidential
2 administration has imposed unnecessary policies authorizing
3 federal immigration and border officials to conduct warrantless
4 searches on travelers' mobile phones, computers, cameras, or
5 other electronic devices during the inspection process at ports
6 of entry to the United States; and

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8 WHEREAS, the current presidential administration has
9 imposed unnecessary policies authorizing the collection of
10 social-media handles of legal immigrants and United States
11 citizens as well as authorized federal immigration and border
12 officials to search through travelers' social-media history in
13 order to find ideological dissent against the administration's
14 agenda; and

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16 WHEREAS, these warrantless searches have resulted in
17 unconstitutional denials of entry and deportation due to the
18 finding of content that differs ideologically from the views and
19 policies of the current presidential administration; and

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21 WHEREAS, the First Amendment of the United States
22 Constitution protects the speech of all persons, regardless of
23 their citizenship status, and even when that speech disagrees
24 with or may promote dissent against the existing government; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Department of Business, Economic Development,
27 and Tourism reported that Hawaii received 176,006 foreign
28 visitors between October 2024 and October 2025; and



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WHEREAS, many nations, such as Canada, Australia, Germany, Ireland, France, the United Kingdom, Denmark, and Finland have issued government advisories regarding travel to the United States, thus giving the United States the reputation that it disregards the safe, legal, and ethical treatment of foreign visitors; and

WHEREAS, the State and counties must take action to protect visitors to Hawaii from unconstitutional conduct that is inconsistent with Hawaii's values; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the Senate concurring, that the Governor and Mayors are urged to take action to reassure all visitors to Hawaii that they will be treated safely, legally, and ethically by all state and county law enforcement agencies upon their arrival and throughout their stay; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Mayors of the Counties of Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii; and Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

