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## KALIHI LAWMAKER INTRODUCES RESOLUTIONS SEEKING INCREASED POLICE PRESENCE IN CHINATOWN

**Honolulu, Hawai'i** – State Representative Daniel Holt (Kalihi, Pālama, Iwilei, Chinatown) has introduced two resolutions seeking an increased police presence in the Chinatown area to fight crime.

<u>HCR 20/HR 16</u> requests the Honolulu Police Department to increase the visible presence of uniformed police officers in the Chinatown area to improve public safety by deterring criminal activity and providing more immediate assistance to crime victims.

"It is important to maintain the safety of business owners, workers and customers in the historic Chinatown area," said Holt. "Following a recent increase in criminal activity including drug dealing, illegal gambling, robbery and purse snatchings, I am asking that HPD step up its visibility and enforcement."

In the past two years, there have been two fatal shootings in the area, while in January 2018 alone there were 53 reported incidents of theft, unauthorized motor entry, and graffiti.

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