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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUIRING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO STUDY THE CRIME  
RATES IN JURISDICTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES THAT ALLOW FOR  
THE OPEN CARRY OF A FIREARM.

1           WHEREAS, during the 2006 legislative session, the Senate  
2 Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs held a public  
3 hearing on S.B. No. 2529, Relating to Open Carry License of  
4 Firearms; and

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6           WHEREAS, the measure authorized the chiefs of police to  
7 issue licenses to persons to openly carry a firearm and to  
8 prohibit openly carrying a firearm under certain circumstances;  
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11           WHEREAS, during the public hearing on this measure, the  
12 Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs received conflicting  
13 testimony on whether the crime rates in jurisdictions which  
14 allow the open carry of firearms were lower or higher as a  
15 result of such legislation; and

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17           WHEREAS, due to the conflicting testimony, the Committee on  
18 Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs determined that this issue would  
19 require further examination before a change in the law should be  
20 made; now, therefore,

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22           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
24 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislative  
25 Reference Bureau shall conduct a study to:

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27           (1) Compare and contrast the crime rates of jurisdictions  
28           in the United States that allow for the open carry of  
29           firearms;  
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31           (2) Examine what effect, if any, open carry legislation  
32           has had on reducing or increasing crime rates in these  
33           jurisdictions; and




1 (3) Extrapolate, to the extent possible, the impact of  
2 open carry legislation in Hawaii; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
5 Bureau shall provide the Legislature with a copy of its  
6 findings, conclusions, recommendations, and proposed  
7 legislation, if any, at least twenty days prior to the convening  
8 of the Regular Session of 2007; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Acting Director of  
12 the Legislative Reference Bureau.  
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