
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE BACKLOG IN UNSERVED
ARREST WARRANTS.

1 WHEREAS, the State has an estimated backlog of 76,881
2 arrest warrants that remain unserved; and

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4 WHEREAS, this backlog includes traffic, felony, and
5 misdemeanor warrants; and

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7 WHEREAS, the unserved arrest warrants are costing the State
8 a potential of \$20,000,000 in unpaid fines and fees; and

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10 WHEREAS, the considerable number of unserved warrants also
11 creates a public safety concern; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Legislature acknowledges that there are many
14 factors that contribute to the backlog in unserved arrest
15 warrants; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Legislature seeks to find a permanent solution
18 to this problem and to clear up the current backlog and ensure
19 that in the future, arrest warrants are served in a timely
20 manner; 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 a task force be
25 convened to conduct a comprehensive review of the entire backlog
26 of unserved arrest warrants and recommend to the Legislature
27 action necessary to permanently alleviate the backlog; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be
30 comprised of the following members:

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32 (1) The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's
33 designee;



- 1 (2) The Administrative Director of the Courts, or the
- 2 Director's designee;
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- 4 (3) A member from the Department of Public Safety's
- 5 Sheriff Division;
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- 7 (4) The Director of Public Safety, or the Director's
- 8 designee;
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- 10 (5) A member from each county's prosecuting attorney's
- 11 office;
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- 13 (6) An attorney from the Office of the Public Defender;
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- 16 (7) The chief of police from each county's police
- 17 department or the chief's designee;
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General or the
22 Attorney General's designee shall serve as the chairperson and
23 facilitator for organizational purposes; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall:

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- 27 (1) Determine the number of outstanding traffic warrants;
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- 29 (2) Determine the number of outstanding felony and
- 30 misdemeanor warrants;
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- 32 (3) Determine a comprehensive plan to permanently
- 33 alleviate the problem of a backlog in unserved arrest
- 34 warrants, with a comprehensive plan to go beyond only
- 35 fiscal and budgetary discussions or solutions;
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- 37 (4) Prepare proposed legislation; and
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- 39 (5) Engage in any other activities necessary to carry out
- 40 the intent of this Concurrent Resolution;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
2 report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no
3 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
4 Session of 2007; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General,
8 the Administrative Director of the Courts, the State Sheriff
9 Division, the Director of Public Safety, each County's
10 prosecuting attorney's office, the Office of the Public
11 Defender, and each County's police department.

