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## SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII'S LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO USE THE "A CHILD IS MISSING" ALERT PROGRAM IN LOCATING MISSING PERSONS.

WHEREAS, the "A Child is Missing" (ACIM) Alert Program was 1 founded in 1997 as a nonprofit organization headquartered in 2 Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to assist law enforcement in locating 3 4 missing persons; and 5 WHEREAS, through its rapid-response, neighborhood telephone 6 7 notification program, ACIM assists law enforcement in search and early recovery efforts during the critical initial hours 8 following the disappearance of a child, elderly person, or 9 disabled person; and 10 11 WHEREAS, ACIM uses high-tech telephony to make 1,000 calls 12 in 60 seconds, allowing ACIM to quickly transmit a missing 13 person alert to thousands of listed residents within the area 14 15 surrounding the site of the person's disappearance via telephone, cell phone, or beepers, without jurisdictional 16 boundaries; and 17 18 WHEREAS, the ACIM service is activated only when a law 19 enforcement officer notifies ACIM after verifying that a person 20 is missing; and 21 22 WHEREAS, since its inception, ACIM has helped law 23 enforcement recover over 200 missing persons; and 24 25 WHEREAS, ACIM is recognized by law enforcement agencies 26 27 across the nation for its effectiveness in helping to locate missing persons; and 28 29 WHEREAS, Hawaii's people, known as some of the most 30 compassionate in the nation, would readily respond to ACIM's 31 missing person alerts; and 32



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2 WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii would greatly benefit from 3 the ACIM service, which is available to law enforcement agencies 4 nationwide; now, therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth 7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, 8 that this body urges Hawaii's law enforcement agencies to use 9 the ACIM Alert Program in locating missing persons; and 10

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 12 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Public Safety and 13 the chiefs of each of the county police departments.

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