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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES  
ENFORCEMENT TO APPLY FOR ACCREDITATION OR RECOGNITION WITH  
THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AGENCIES, INC.

1           WHEREAS, the Division of Conservation and Resources  
2 Enforcement (DOCARE) of the Department of Land and Natural  
3 Resources underwent a financial and management audit in 2005;  
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6           WHEREAS, the "Management Audit of the Division of  
7 Conservation and Resources Enforcement, Report No. 06-01,  
8 January 2006," affirmed the importance of having DOCARE to  
9 protect Hawaii's precious natural and cultural resources and  
10 identified several areas needing restructure and reorganization  
11 to improve the effectiveness of those efforts; and

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13           WHEREAS, in response to the January 2006 report, DOCARE  
14 underwent extensive strategic planning and, as a division,  
15 determined that its main priority is to restructure its internal  
16 organization to increase professionalism, accountability,  
17 transparency, responsibility, effectiveness, and efficiency; and

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19           WHEREAS, to achieve the level of effectiveness,  
20 accountability, transparency, and other objectives sought,  
21 DOCARE identified law enforcement recognition or accreditation  
22 as the appropriate solution; and

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24           WHEREAS, the Commission on Accreditation for Law  
25 Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (Commission) specializes in  
26 accrediting and recognizing law enforcement agencies; and

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28           WHEREAS, the Commission provides services to strengthen and  
29 improve staffing, oversee and train officers, establish law  
30 enforcement standards, assist in strategizing to protect natural



1 and cultural resources, improve public accountability, and  
2 evaluate risk management systems; and  
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4 WHEREAS, DOCARE's participation in law enforcement  
5 accreditation or recognition may provide the needed internal  
6 organization to provide improved public service and to  
7 accomplish the mission and objectives in DOCARE's strategic  
8 plan; now, therefore,  
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
11 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
12 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that DOCARE is requested to  
13 apply for accreditation or recognition with the Commission; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOCARE is requested to submit  
16 an application no later than January 31, 2010, for accreditation  
17 or recognition with the Commission; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOCARE is requested to report  
20 on the status of its application to the Legislature no later  
21 than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
22 2010; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
26 Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Administrator of  
27 DOCARE.

