
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE JUDICIARY, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND THE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO WORK IN A COORDINATED EFFORT TO DETERMINE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO PERMANENTLY ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM OF A BACKLOG IN UNSERVED ARREST WARRANTS THAT GOES BEYOND ONLY FISCAL AND BUDGETARY DISCUSSIONS OR SOLUTIONS.

1 WHEREAS, as of July 2007, the State had an estimated
2 backlog of 61,500 arrest warrants 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, there are many factors that contribute to the
14 backlog in unserved arrest warrants; and

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16 WHEREAS, a permanent solution to clear up the current
17 backlog and ensure that future arrest warrants are served in a
18 timely manner must be developed; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
22 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Judiciary, Department
23 of Public Safety (PSD), the county prosecutor offices, and the
24 county police departments are urged to work in a coordinated
25 effort to determine a comprehensive plan to permanently
26 alleviate the problem of a backlog in unserved arrest warrants
27 that goes beyond only fiscal and budgetary discussions or
28 solutions; and



