
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REAFFIRMING THE CONCURRENT JURISDICTION OF THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO UPHOLD AND ENFORCE THE LAWS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND STATE OF HAWAII ON STATE OWNED LANDS WITHIN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
2 Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) has
3 primary responsibility for resource enforcement in the State;
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6 WHEREAS, Hawaii has the fourth largest coastline in the
7 nation and there are 23,000 acres of inland surface water, 3
8 million acres of state ocean waters, 410,000 acres of coral reef
9 around the main Hawaiian Islands; and

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11 WHEREAS, Hawaii has the largest tropical rainforest in the
12 United States and the 11th largest state forest of which over one
13 million acres are utilized for hunting; and

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15 WHEREAS, there are two million acres of conservation land
16 and 1.2 million acres of state-owned lands, including lands
17 within the urban core; and

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19 WHEREAS, user conflicts caused by competing interests have
20 resulted in an increased demand for more conservation
21 enforcement intervention; and

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23 WHEREAS, in April, 2008, sovereignty activists barred the
24 public from entering the grounds of Iolani Palace, claiming
25 sovereign rights over the area; and

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27 WHEREAS, while Department of Land and Natural Resources and
28 DOCARE officers were working to resolve the issue, the Honolulu
29 Police Department was called to assist around 8:45 am, however,
30 the Honolulu Police Department did not arrive for hours; and



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2 WHEREAS, in August, 2008, a police officer refused to help
3 a woman who was assaulted at Iolani Palace, because he thought
4 that it was outside of the Honolulu Police Department's
5 jurisdiction; and

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7 WHEREAS, after the incident, Honolulu County Police Chief
8 Correa reaffirmed that the Honolulu Police Department has
9 jurisdiction to enforce the laws of the State and City and
10 County of Honolulu on all lands within the City and County of
11 Honolulu, and that no such incident as the one that occurred at
12 Iolani Palace would ever happen again; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department has approximately
15 2,134 full-time sworn officers and is the 21st largest police
16 department in the nation; and

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18 WHEREAS, DOCARE currently has approximately 120 enforcement
19 officer positions, of which 111 are currently filled, making it
20 impossible to provide for adequate coverage for the lands under
21 DOCARE jurisdiction on a 24-hour basis; and

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23 WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Honolulu Police
24 Department to be dedicated to providing excellent service
25 through partnerships that build trust, reduce crime, create a
26 safe environment, and enhance the quality of life in our
27 community and are committed to the principles of integrity,
28 respect, and fairness; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department is charged, as
31 stated by Honolulu Police County Chief Correa, with upholding
32 and enforcing the laws of the City and County of Honolulu and
33 the State of Hawaii on all lands within the City and County of
34 Honolulu, including lands owned by various state departments;
35 now, therefore,

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37 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
38 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
39 of 2009, that the concurrent jurisdiction of the Honolulu Police
40 Department to enforce the laws of the City and County of
41 Honolulu and the State of Hawaii on lands within the City and

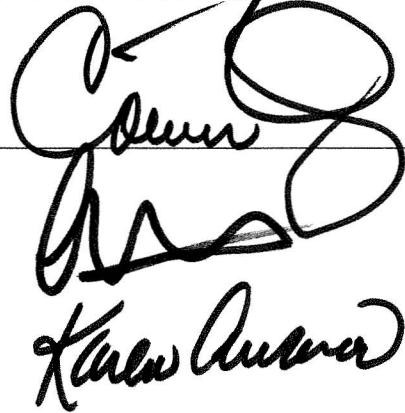


1 County of Honolulu, irrespective of the ownership of lands
2 within the City and County of Honolulu by the Department of Land
3 and Natural Resources or any state department, is reaffirmed;
4 and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Resolution be transmitted to Mayor of City and County of
8 Honolulu, the Chief of the Honolulu Police Department, the
9 Directors of every state department, and the Governor.

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OFFERED BY: _____



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