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

