

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1022

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 19, 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 92  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 92 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, SHERIFF DIVISION, AND TO REPORT ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SHERIFF DIVISION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to work toward determining viable alternatives to the continued placement of the Sheriff Division within the Department of Public Safety (PSD) by requesting the Auditor to conduct a financial and management audit of PSD's Sheriff Division, and to report on the suitability of the administrative organization of PSD and its Sheriff Division.

The Hawaii Government Employees Association supported this concurrent resolution.

Your Committee is concerned with claims that the officers in the Sheriff Division are compensated at a substantially lower rate than that of law enforcement officers with somewhat similar duties such as county police officers. Therefore, your Committee has amended this concurrent resolution by requesting that the Auditor also look into:

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- (1) The adequacy of the method by which the amount of pay provided to officers in the Sheriff Division is calculated; and
- (2) Any disparities in pay between the officers in the Sheriff Division and other law enforcement officers, particularly county police officers, in the state being mindful of the amount of training and responsibilities involved in each area of law enforcement area.

This concurrent resolution was further amended by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 92, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Legislative Management in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 92, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,

  
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FAYE HANOANO, Chair



