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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO IMPLEMENT AN EARLY  
WARNING SYSTEM KNOWN AS THE BLUE ALERT TO EXPEDITE THE  
APPREHENSION OF VIOLENT CRIMINALS WHO KILL OR SERIOUSLY  
WOUND COUNTY, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

1 WHEREAS, brave and dedicated law enforcement officers in  
2 the State have been killed or severely injured in the line of  
3 duty by violent criminals; and

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5 WHEREAS, violent acts committed against law enforcement  
6 officers increase the perpetrator's propensity to seriously harm  
7 or injure innocent bystanders and other people unauthorized to  
8 use deadly force; and

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10 WHEREAS, the amber and silver alerts, used to notify  
11 government agencies and the public in cases of child abductions  
12 and missing seniors, respectively, have been successfully  
13 implemented in many states; and

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15 WHEREAS, in 2008, Texas Governor Rick Perry signed an  
16 executive order implementing a "blue alert" program as a means  
17 to expedite the apprehension of violent criminals who kill or  
18 seriously injure local, state, or federal law enforcement  
19 officers; and

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21 WHEREAS, the blue alert system operates in the same manner  
22 as the amber and silver alerts by quickly providing essential  
23 information to government agencies and the public when a  
24 situation requires the alert to be activated; and

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26 WHEREAS, the implementation of a blue alert system in the  
27 State would expedite and assist law enforcement agencies in the  
28 apprehension of violent criminals responsible for the death or  
29 injury of county, state, or federal law enforcement officers and  
30 protect the public from further harm; now, therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
3 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
4 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Public  
5 Safety is requested to implement an early warning system known  
6 as the blue alert to expedite the dissemination of information  
7 critical to the apprehension of violent criminals who kill or  
8 seriously injure county, state, or federal law enforcement  
9 officers; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety  
12 is requested to develop a blue alert early warning system with  
13 assistance and input from federal and county law enforcement  
14 agencies; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Director of Public  
18 Safety, the United States Marshal for the district of Hawaii,  
19 the Acting Special Agent-in-Charge of the Honolulu office of the  
20 Federal Bureau of Investigation, and to the chief of police in  
21 each county.

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OFFERED BY: 

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