
HOUSE 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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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
33 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



1 of 2010, that the Department of Public Safety is requested to
2 implement an early warning system known as the blue alert to
3 expedite the dissemination of information critical to the
4 apprehension of violent criminals who kill or seriously injure
5 county, state, or federal law enforcement officers; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
8 is requested to develop a blue alert early warning system with
9 assistance and input from federal and county law enforcement
10 agencies; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Resolution be transmitted to Director of Public Safety, the
14 United States Marshal for the district of Hawaii, the Acting
15 Special Agent-in-Charge of the Honolulu office of the Federal
16 Bureau of Investigation, and to the chief of police in each
17 county.
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OFFERED BY: 

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