
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY
ON WHETHER THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF HAWAII'S SEX
OFFENDER LAWS ARE BEING MET AND WHETHER SEX OFFENDER LAWS
ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED IN THE WAY THEY WERE INTENDED.

1 WHEREAS, in 1996, the federal government enacted what has
2 become known as "Megan's Law," requiring states to collect and
3 release relevant information necessary to protect the public
4 from sexual offenders; and

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6 WHEREAS, in 1997, the Legislature passed Hawaii's own
7 Megan's Law, codified as Chapter 846E, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
8 and currently entitled "Registration of Sex Offenders and Other
9 Covered Offenders and Public Access to Registration
10 Information," requiring that individuals convicted of certain
11 offenses against children and certain sexual offenses register
12 with a sex-offender registry by providing information relating
13 to their identity, residence, employment, education, medical
14 treatment, and vehicle; and

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16 WHEREAS, Chapter 846E also allows for public notification
17 through the public release of certain registration information;
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20 WHEREAS, over the years since their enactment, Hawaii's sex
21 offender laws have been amended to address constitutional issues
22 raised by the Hawaii Supreme Court as well as to comply with
23 federal law; and

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25 WHEREAS, while previous studies have been undertaken to
26 consider possible revisions to Hawaii's sex offender laws, no
27 study has been conducted to determine whether the goals and
28 objectives of the state sex offender laws are being met, or
29 whether state sex offender laws are being implemented in the way
30 they were intended; and



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2 WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 846E, the statewide sex
3 offender registry is administrated and maintained by the Hawaii
4 Criminal Justice Data Center of the Department of the Attorney
5 General; now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
8 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
9 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Reference
10 Bureau is requested to conduct a study on the objectives and
11 implementation of Hawaii's sex offender laws; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in its study, the Legislative
14 Reference Bureau is requested to address:
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16 (1) Whether the goals and objectives of the state sex
17 offender laws are being met; and
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19 (2) Whether the state sex offender laws are being
20 implemented in the way they were intended; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Department of the Legislative
23 Reference Bureau is requested to submit its findings and
24 recommendations, including any recommended legislation, to the
25 Legislature no less than twenty days prior to the convening of
26 the Regular Session of 2012; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Legislative
30 Reference Bureau.
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