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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PROVISION OF SECURITY AT THE HAWAII STATE  
HOSPITAL.

1           WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Hospital has suffered budget cuts  
2 and reductions in security positions, leaving the hospital  
3 vulnerable to escapes and security risks; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the high occupancy rate at the hospital, coupled  
6 with the budget cuts and security reductions, has compromised  
7 and jeopardized the safety of workers and patients at the  
8 facility, as well as the surrounding neighborhood and community  
9 at-large; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the patients at the Hawaii State Hospital,  
12 including forensic patients committed to institutionalization by  
13 the courts, are considered to be in need of confinement; and  
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15           WHEREAS, on average, six escapes per year and numerous  
16 assaults upon staff occur at the Hawaii State Hospital; and  
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18           WHEREAS, on December 3, 2009, a forensic patient who was  
19 committed to the hospital in 2002 after allegedly kidnapping and  
20 sexually assaulting a child, escaped, further illustrating the  
21 current security situation at the hospital; and  
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23           WHEREAS, over a year later, this individual has not been  
24 re-captured; and  
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26           WHEREAS, there is a need to clarify that the duties of the  
27 Department of Public Safety include security at the Hawaii State  
28 Hospital; now, therefore,  
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30           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
31 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
32 of 2011, that beginning September 1, 2011, security for the  
33 Hawaii State Hospital, which is a secure psychiatric  
34 rehabilitation facility, is requested to be provided by the  
35 Department of Public Safety in accordance with section 26-14.6,  
36 Hawaii Revised Statutes; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is requested to advise the Department of Public Safety as to the appropriate level of security that must be maintained at the Hawaii State Hospital; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health, in collaboration with the Director of Public Safety, is requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012 detailing the plan, strategies, and timetable for ensuring the provision of appropriate levels of long-term security at the Hawaii State Hospital, along with the short- and long-term strategies and plans to address the State's increasing and aging forensic population at the Hawaii State Hospital, including facility needs, capacity issues, and other off-site options; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Department of Health and the Department of Public Safety.

OFFERED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "A. J. ...", written over a horizontal line.

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