
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CREATE AN
EFFICIENT TRACKING METHOD FOR DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID (DNA)
RAPE KITS AND TO REDUCE THE TIME TO PROCESS THE RESULTS.

1 WHEREAS, the increasing backlog in processing
2 deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) rape kits is a growing problem in
3 Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, in 2009, police departments in Hawaii processed
6 less than half of the one-hundred thirty-nine rape kits
7 containing DNA evidence submitted by the Honolulu Sexual Abuse
8 Treatment Center; and
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10 WHEREAS, processing a single DNA sample can cost between
11 \$100 and \$1,000, and expenses for a rape kit containing numerous
12 samples may range between \$1,000 and \$8,500; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department Crime Laboratory,
15 is the only forensic laboratory for criminal DNA analysis in the
16 State, and it has a backlog of unprocessed DNA rape kits that
17 may be attributed to personnel and funding shortages; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Attorney General administers the Statewide
20 Sexual Assault Services program, which provides a coordinated
21 and comprehensive response to victims of sexual assault; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Attorney General also manages the Violence
24 Against Women Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors grant,
25 which has been funding the Sexual Abuse Treatment Center's
26 coordinated effort to improve sex assault protocols including
27 the forensic examination of victims; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
31 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Attorney General is



1 requested to work with the county police departments to
2 coordinate with other states and federal law enforcement
3 agencies to create an efficient tracking method for DNA rape
4 kits and to reduce the time to processing the results; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General is
7 requested to assist in identifying additional funding sources
8 for the Honolulu Police Department Crime Laboratory; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General is
11 requested to work with social services, law enforcement, and the
12 prosecuting attorneys of each county to review and implement the
13 initiatives contained in this concurrent resolution; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General is
16 requested to work with the county police departments, the
17 prosecuting attorney's of each county, and county forensics
18 laboratories in reviewing their inter-agency policies, financing
19 guidelines, and procedures to expedite DNA rape kit processing;
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General is
23 requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than
24 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Sessions of
25 2013 and 2014, including the following
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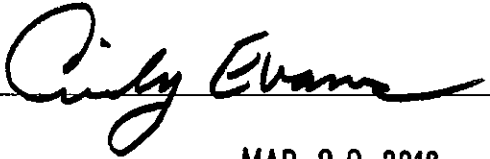
- 27 (1) The status of its effort in creating an efficient
28 tracking method for DNA rape kit processing;
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- 30 (2) Statistics on reduction of the time in processing DNA
31 rape kits;
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- 33 (3) Potential sources of additional funding for the
34 Honolulu Police Department Crime Laboratory; and
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- 36 (4) Other recommendations, including any proposed
37 legislation; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Attorney General, the Chiefs of Police of each county, and the prosecuting attorneys of each county.

OFFERED BY:



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