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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE BACKLOG IN UNSERVED  
ARREST WARRANTS.

1           WHEREAS, the State has an estimated backlog of 76,881  
2 arrest warrants that remain unserved; and

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4           WHEREAS, this backlog includes traffic, felony, and  
5 misdemeanor warrants; and

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7           WHEREAS, the unserved arrest warrants are costing the State  
8 a potential of \$20,000,000 in unpaid fines and fees; and

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10          WHEREAS, the considerable number of unserved warrants also  
11 creates a public safety concern; and

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13          WHEREAS, the Legislature acknowledges that there are many  
14 factors that contribute to the backlog in unserved arrest  
15 warrants; and

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17          WHEREAS, the Legislature seeks to find a permanent solution  
18 to this problem and to clear up the current backlog and ensure  
19 that in the future, arrest warrants are served in a timely  
20 manner; now, therefore,

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22          BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
24 House of Representatives concurring, that a task force be  
25 convened to conduct a comprehensive review of the entire backlog  
26 of unserved arrest warrants and recommend to the Legislature  
27 action necessary to permanently alleviate the backlog; and

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29          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be  
30 comprised of the following members:

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32           (1) The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's  
33           designee;



- 1 (2) The Administrative Director of the Courts, or the
- 2 Director's designee;
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- 4 (3) A member from the Department of Public Safety's
- 5 Sheriff Division;
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- 7 (4) The Director of Public Safety, or the Director's
- 8 designee;
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- 10 (5) A member from each county's prosecuting attorney's
- 11 office;
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- 13 (6) An attorney from the Office of the Public Defender;
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- 16 (7) The chief of police from each county's police
- 17 department or the chief's designee;
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General or the  
22 Attorney General's designee shall serve as the chairperson and  
23 facilitator for organizational purposes; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall:

- 26 (1) Determine the number of outstanding traffic warrants;
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- 28 (2) Determine the number of outstanding felony and
- 29 misdemeanor warrants;
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- 31 (3) Determine a comprehensive plan to permanently
- 32 alleviate the problem of a backlog in unserved arrest
- 33 warrants, with a comprehensive plan to go beyond only
- 34 fiscal and budgetary discussions or solutions;
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- 36 (4) Prepare proposed legislation; and
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- 38 (5) Engage in any other activities necessary to carry out
- 39 the intent of this Concurrent Resolution;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
2 report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no  
3 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
4 Session of 2007; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General,  
8 the Administrative Director of the Courts, the State Sheriff  
9 Division, the Director of Public Safety, each County's  
10 prosecuting attorney's office, the Office of the Public  
11 Defender, and each County's police department.

