
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO CONVENE AN ANTI-
GRAFFITI TASK FORCE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS THAT
ADDRESS EDUCATION AND PREVENTION, ENFORCEMENT, COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT, LEGISLATION, AND GRAFFITI REMOVAL.

1 WHEREAS, graffiti vandalism has grown from an exclusively
2 big city or urban concern to a problem that affects all
3 communities; and

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5 WHEREAS, graffiti vandals have caused more than
6 \$1,000,000,000 of damage on public and private property
7 nationwide; and

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9 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, graffiti vandals are elusive and city
10 and county police generally apprehend individuals suspected of
11 graffiti only when they stake out a specific area or, more
12 commonly, when a witness calls 911; and

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14 WHEREAS, graffiti vandals may use social media to showcase
15 their acts of vandalism to a nationwide audience, which has led
16 to a recent increase of graffiti vandalism in Hawaii, according
17 to a Department of Public Safety official; and

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19 WHEREAS, while anti-graffiti legislation should be one part
20 of Hawaii's comprehensive approach to eradicating or containing
21 the problem of graffiti vandalism, other elements should include
22 education and prevention, enforcement, community involvement,
23 and graffiti removal; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2014, that the Department of Public Safety is
28 requested to convene an anti-graffiti task force to develop
29 recommendations that address education and prevention,
30 enforcement, community involvement, legislation, and graffiti
31 removal; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be convened and
2 chaired by the Director of Public Safety, or the director's
3 designee, and comprise:

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- 5 (1) The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's
6 designee;
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- 8 (2) The Superintendent of Education, or the
9 Superintendent's designee;
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- 11 (3) The Executive Director of the Hawaii State Foundation
12 on Culture and the Arts or the Executive Director's
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- 15 (4) The President of the Senate, or the President's
16 designee;
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- 18 (5) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the
19 Speaker's designee;
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- 21 (6) A representative from the Judiciary appointed by the
22 Chief Justice; and
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- 24 (7) A police chief from one of the four counties, or the
25 chief's designee; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force should consider,
28 among other things:

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- 30 (1) Developing definitions for graffiti and graffiti-
31 related implements to aid in drafting legislation;
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- 33 (2) Developing anti-graffiti programs in schools and
34 promoting youth diversion activities that encourage
35 artistic expression through a lawful medium;
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- 37 (3) Controlling access to aerosol spray paint containers
38 and other items that may be used for graffiti by
39 requiring retailers to display and store these items
40 in monitored locations;



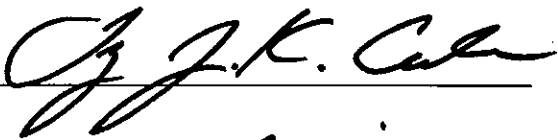
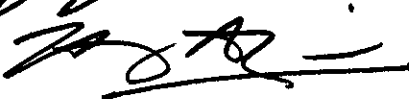
- 1 (4) Requiring retailers who sell items that may be used
- 2 for graffiti to post signage educating customers about
- 3 the graffiti law;
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- 5 (5) Developing legislation to assist law enforcement and
- 6 judicial agencies in reducing graffiti vandalism;
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- 8 (6) Partnering with communities to establish graffiti
- 9 hotlines and graffiti removal teams; and
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- 11 (7) Determining the amount spent on graffiti removal at
- 12 schools and public spaces; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
 15 submit a report, authored by the Department of Public Safety
 16 with consultation from representatives of the retail industry
 17 and community graffiti clean-up groups, that addresses the
 18 problem of graffiti vandalism in Hawaii, and provides findings
 19 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
 20 Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the
 21 Regular Session of 2015; and

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 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 24 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Public Safety;
 25 Attorney General; Superintendent of Education; Executive
 26 Director of the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts;
 27 President of the Senate; Speaker of the House of
 28 Representatives; Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court; the
 29 police chiefs of the Hawaii Police Department, Honolulu Police
 30 Department, Kauai Police Department, and Maui Police Department;
 31 and the chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Retail
 32 Merchants of Hawaii.

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