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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO  
CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF  
ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE ELECTRONIC REPORTING SYSTEM FOR  
PAWN SHOPS.

1           WHEREAS, transactions with pawnbrokers frequently allow  
2 thieves to convert stolen property into cash; and  
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4           WHEREAS, while existing law empowers the chief of police in  
5 each county to require that pawn transaction information be  
6 electronically submitted to the police department, no unified  
7 statewide system for the electronic filing of this information  
8 currently exists; and  
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10           WHEREAS, generally, records of pawn transactions are  
11 manually prepared and submitted to the police, which results in  
12 thousands of paper reports per month on Oahu alone; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the manual reporting system hampers law  
15 enforcement investigations by creating waiting periods to gain  
16 access to needed information; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the introduction of an electronic reporting system  
19 for pawn shops would reduce recovery time for stolen items,  
20 increase the speed by which information is transferred to law  
21 enforcement agencies, and allow law enforcement officials to  
22 inspect and track transactions in a more timely manner; and  
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24           WHEREAS, a unified statewide electronic database of pawn  
25 transactions would increase the probability of solving stolen  
26 property crimes and aid in the recovery of stolen property; now,  
27 therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
3 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
4 Session of 2014, that the Director of Commerce and Consumer  
5 Affairs is requested to convene a working group to examine the  
6 feasibility of establishing a unified statewide electronic  
7 reporting system for pawn shops; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Commerce and  
10 Consumer Affairs is requested to serve as the chairperson of the  
11 working group and to invite the following parties to be members  
12 of the working group:

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14 (1) One member from the State Procurement Office;  
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16 (2) One member from the Department of the Prosecuting  
17 Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu;  
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19 (3) Two members of law enforcement agencies, with one  
20 member representing the island of Oahu and one member  
21 representing a neighbor island;  
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23 (4) Two members who are pawnbrokers, with one member  
24 representing the island of Oahu and one member  
25 representing a neighbor island;  
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27 (5) One member from the National Pawnbrokers Association;  
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30 (6) One member from the Hawaii Pawnbrokers Association;  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Commerce and  
34 Consumer Affairs is requested to provide any necessary  
35 administrative, professional, technical, and clerical support to  
36 the working group; and  
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the working  
39 group shall receive no compensation for their services, but may  
40 be reimbursed for incidental expenses, including travel costs,  
41 necessary for the performance of their duties; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be exempt  
2 from the requirements of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes;  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Commerce and  
6 Consumer Affairs is requested to submit a report of the working  
7 group's findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
8 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior  
9 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and  
13 Consumer Affairs, Administrator of the State Procurement Office,  
14 Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu,  
15 President of the National Pawnbrokers Association, and President  
16 of the Hawaii Pawnbrokers Association.  
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