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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ESTABLISH A HABITUAL  
CRIMINAL OFFENDER REGISTRY.

1           WHEREAS, many convicted criminal offenders living in the  
2 community have committed multiple offenses; and

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4           WHEREAS, past behavior can be an accurate predictor of  
5 future behavior; and

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7           WHEREAS, criminals who have been convicted of multiple  
8 crimes may be accurately characterized as habitual offenders;  
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11           WHEREAS, certain information about an individual's criminal  
12 convictions is generally available to the public; and

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14           WHEREAS, many members of the public do not have the time or  
15 expertise to compile information about criminal offenders; and

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17           WHEREAS, information about criminal offenders that is  
18 publicly available may not include pertinent, current, and  
19 accurate details about an offender, including the area in which  
20 the offender resides; and

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22           WHEREAS, many members of the public would like more  
23 information about criminal offenders to be easily accessible so  
24 that they may take appropriate steps to safeguard themselves,  
25 their families, their neighbors, and their property; and

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27           WHEREAS, some members of the public share information about  
28 criminal offenders through social media; and

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30           WHEREAS, information shared through social media may not  
31 always be accurate; and



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2 WHEREAS, accurate information about criminal convictions is  
3 readily available to law enforcement agencies; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the State operates an online registry of sex  
6 offenders that may be reviewed by members of the public; and  
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8 WHEREAS, several states operate online habitual offender  
9 registries that allow the public to access information about  
10 persons who have been convicted at least five times for driving  
11 under the influence of alcohol or drugs and meet certain other  
12 criteria; and  
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14 WHEREAS, persons sentenced to terms of incarceration in  
15 Hawaii after being convicted of violating state criminal laws  
16 are generally confined by the Hawaii Department of Public  
17 Safety; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety has access to  
20 information about a criminal offender's convictions,  
21 incarceration, and release into the community;  
22 now, therefore,  
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
26 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
27 Public Safety is urged to establish an online habitual offender  
28 registry that may be accessed by members of the public; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Public  
32 Safety.  
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OFFERED BY:

  
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