
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE CAPITOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AND
IMPLEMENT A MASTER SECURITY PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, in our post-September 11th world, terrorism,
2 violence, and threats of violence in public forums have become
3 increasingly common and our state government must do more to
4 ensure that citizen engagement does not come at the expense of
5 public safety; and
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7 WHEREAS, at the federal level, the United States Department
8 of Homeland Security's Interagency Security Committee, whose
9 mission is to develop security standards and best practices for
10 nonmilitary federal facilities, has issued guidance detailing
11 "best practices" and recommendations for the protection of
12 federal facilities, employees, contractors, and visitors, and
13 these recommendations include using security countermeasures
14 such as metal detectors and x-ray machines at pedestrian and
15 public entrances of federal buildings; and
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17 WHEREAS, according to the National Conference of State
18 Legislatures, twenty-eight states currently utilize walk-through
19 metal detectors at the public entrances of their capitol
20 buildings; and
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22 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, the judicial branch, co-equal to the
23 legislative and executive branches of government, welcomes
24 members of the public to come to court and observe firsthand the
25 administration of justice - but also requires all visitors to
26 first pass through metal detectors and have their personal
27 belongings undergo x-ray baggage screening; and
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29 WHEREAS, unlike our courthouses, the Hawaii state capitol
30 building is known as one of the most publicly accessible capitol
31 buildings in the nation, but is also one of the most vulnerable



1 - precisely because there are no provisions for mandatory
2 security screening of visitors; and

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4 WHEREAS, the value of open access to "the people's house"
5 must be balanced with the need to ensure the physical safety and
6 well-being of the visiting public, capitol staff, legislators,
7 and other building occupants; and

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9 WHEREAS, it would be within the purview of the State
10 Capitol Management Committee, established pursuant to Act 97 of
11 the regular session of 2014 and now codified in section 6E-34.5,
12 to develop and implement a master security plan that will
13 increase safety and security in the Hawaii state capitol
14 building through the mandatory use of metal detectors, x-ray
15 scans of baggage, and other prudent measures; and

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17 WHEREAS, the development and implementation of such a
18 security plan would be consistent with the committee's authority
19 to oversee and manage the state capitol and approve all policies
20 and procedures relating to the state capitol's general operation
21 and management and its grounds and facilities, including general
22 security policies; 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 State Capitol
27 Management Committee is requested to develop and implement a
28 master security plan that will increase safety and security in
29 the State Capitol building through the mandatory use of metal
30 detectors, x-ray scans of baggage, and other prudent measures;
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the development and
34 implementation of the master security plan is requested to be
35 divided into phases and include, but not be limited to, the
36 following:

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38 (1) Phase I - Discussion of ideas proposed by members of
39 the State Capitol Management Committee as well as
40 input solicited from members of the public, capitol
41 staff, legislators, and other building occupants;



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- 2 (2) Phase II - Development of a master security plan,
- 3 including prioritization and decision-making as to
- 4 what security measures the plan should include besides
- 5 mandatory use of metal detectors and x-ray scans of
- 6 baggage, securing of necessary cooperation from other
- 7 government agencies and departments, research into
- 8 what fiscal resources are needed, and passage of any
- 9 legislation necessary for implementation of the master
- 10 security plan;
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- 12 (3) Phase III - Securing of funding for, and
- 13 implementation of, security measures deemed by the
- 14 State Capitol Management Committee to be a short-term
- 15 priority; and
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- 17 (4) Phase IV - Securing of funding for, and implementation
- 18 of, security measures deemed by the State Capitol
- 19 Management Committee to be a longer term priority; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the requested timeline for
22 completion of the various phases of the master security plan is
23 as follows:

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- 25 (1) July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 for completion
- 26 of Phase I;
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- 28 (2) January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for
- 29 completion of Phase II;
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- 31 (3) January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for
- 32 completion of Phase III; and
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- 34 (4) January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020 for
- 35 completion of Phase IV; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Capitol Management
38 Committee is requested to submit to the legislature a written
39 report of its progress on the master security plan no later than
40 twenty days prior to the convening of each of the 2017, 2018,
41 2019, 2020, and 2021 legislative sessions; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
 3 Comptroller, Director of Public Safety, Senate President, House
 4 Speaker, and Chair of the State Capitol Management Committee.

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