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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE JUDICIARY TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO CONSIDER  
BODY AND DASH CAMERA IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN HAWAII LAW  
ENFORCEMENT STATEWIDE.

1           WHEREAS, trust between law enforcement agencies and the  
2 citizens they serve is essential to the stability of  
3 communities, the integrity of the criminal justice system, and a  
4 safe and effective delivery of public safety services; and  
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6           WHEREAS, in order to safeguard the public and peace  
7 officers of this State, it is vital for local peace officers and  
8 the communities they protect to have strong, collaborative  
9 relationships; and  
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11           WHEREAS, implementing the use of body cameras by all law  
12 enforcement agencies in the State could assist in preventing and  
13 resolving complaints brought by members of the public against  
14 peace officers; strengthening law enforcement transparency,  
15 performance, and accountability; and the documentation of  
16 evidence; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the use of video footage might discourage citizens  
19 from filing unfounded complaints against officers, which could  
20 save state agencies a significant amount of time and funds that  
21 would otherwise be spent on lengthy investigations and lawsuits;  
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24           WHEREAS, body cameras and dash cameras may assist law  
25 enforcement agencies in identifying and correcting problems  
26 within those agencies by using footage from the cameras to  
27 provide scenario-based training, evaluate the performance of new  
28 officers in the field, and identify new areas in which training  
29 is needed; and



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1           WHEREAS, use of body and dash cameras by law enforcement in  
 2 other regions has been shown to placate officer-civilian  
 3 conflict and reduce the use of force by officers in the field,  
 4 either due to changes in civilian behavior in response to the  
 5 cameras' presence or to changes in that of the officers; now,  
 6 therefore,

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 8           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 9 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 10 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Judiciary is  
 11 requested to convene a law enforcement body camera and dash  
 12 camera implementation task force to:

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 14           (1) Conduct a feasibility study to examine the scope and  
 15 cost of developing and implementing best procedures  
 16 and usage of body and dash cameras by law enforcement  
 17 agencies throughout the State;  
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 19           (2) Determine rules for access to and use of camera  
 20 recordings by law enforcement agencies in this State,  
 21 addressing privacy issues in relation to recorded  
 22 footage as well as benefits, drawbacks, and concerns  
 23 about the implementation of its use;  
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 25           (3) Identify the resources necessary to effectuate the  
 26 task force's recommendations; and  
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 28           (4) Conduct any other business deemed necessary to carry  
 29 out the purpose of this measure; and  
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31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be comprised of  
 32 the following members representing the diversity of the State:

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 34           (1) The chair of the House Committee on Judiciary;  
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 36           (2) The chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and  
 37 Labor;  
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 39           (3) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's  
 40 designee;



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- 1           (4) The State Public Defender or the Public Defender's  
2           designee;
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- 4           (5) The Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of  
5           Honolulu or the Prosecuting Attorney's designee;
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- 7           (6) The Executive Director of the Hawaii State Sheriff's  
8           Association or the Executive Director's designee;
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- 10          (7) The Chief of each county police department or the  
11          Chief's designee;
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- 13          (8) The President of the Hawaii State Bar Association;
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- 15          (9) A representative from the University of Hawaii  
16          Criminal Justice Department;
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- 18          (10) A representative from the Access to Justice  
19          Commission;
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- 21          (11) The President of the State of Hawaii Organization of  
22          Police Officers or the President's designee;
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- 24          (12) A representative of the American Civil Liberties Union  
25          of Hawaii;
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- 27          (13) A district court judge designated by the Chief Justice  
28          of the Hawaii Supreme Court;
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- 30          (14) A member of the public who is a law enforcement  
31          officer in a municipality that currently utilizes body  
32          cameras; and
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- 34          (15) The Director of Public Safety or the Director's  
35          designee; and
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37           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
38 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
39 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
40 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
41 2017, including but not to be limited to the following:



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- 1 (1) General guidelines for the proper use, maintenance,
- 2 and storage of body and dash cameras, which shall
- 3 include recommendations on procedures for when body
- 4 and dash cameras shall be in recording mode;
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- 6 (2) Any limitations on which law enforcement entities are
- 7 permitted to use body and dash cameras, and whether
- 8 there are situations where camera footage obtained
- 9 encroaches upon civil liberties;
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- 11 (3) General guidelines for the proper storage, retention,
- 12 and release of audio and video data recorded by body
- 13 and dash cameras;
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- 15 (4) General guidelines regarding law enforcement training
- 16 relative to each law enforcement agency's policies and
- 17 procedures on the use of body and dash cameras; and
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- 19 (5) Legislation needed, if any, to authorize the use of
- 20 body cameras by law enforcement in this State; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General,  
 24 the State Public Defender, the Prosecuting Attorney for the City  
 25 and County of Honolulu, the Executive Director of the Hawaii  
 26 State Sheriff's Association, the Chief of the Honolulu Police  
 27 Department, the Chief of the Kauai County Police Department, the  
 28 Chief of the Maui County Police Department, the Chief of the  
 29 Hawaii County Police Department, the President of the Hawaii  
 30 State Bar Association, the head of the University of Hawaii  
 31 Criminal Justice Department, the Chair of the Access to Justice  
 32 Commission, the President of the State of Hawaii Organization of  
 33 Police Officers, the Executive Director of the American Civil  
 34 Liberties Union of Hawaii, the Chief Justice, and the Director  
 35 of Public Safety.

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