
HOUSE 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
32 - precisely because there are no provisions for mandatory
33 security screening of visitors; and



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2 WHEREAS, the value of open access to "the people's house"
3 must be balanced with the need to ensure the physical safety and
4 well-being of the visiting public, capitol staff, legislators,
5 and other building occupants; and
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7 WHEREAS, it would be within the purview of the State
8 Capitol Management Committee, established pursuant to Act 97 of
9 the regular session of 2014 and now codified in section 6E-34.5,
10 to develop and implement a master security plan that will
11 increase safety and security in the Hawaii state capitol
12 building through the mandatory use of metal detectors, x-ray
13 scans of baggage, and other prudent measures; and
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15 WHEREAS, the development and implementation of such a
16 security plan would be consistent with the committee's authority
17 to oversee and manage the state capitol and approve all policies
18 and procedures relating to the state capitol's general operation
19 and management and its grounds and facilities, including general
20 security policies; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
24 Session of 2016, that the State Capitol Management Committee is
25 requested to develop and implement a master security plan that
26 will increase safety and security in the State Capitol building
27 through the mandatory use of metal detectors, x-ray scans of
28 baggage, and other prudent measures; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the development and
31 implementation of the master security plan is requested to be
32 divided into phases and include, but not be limited to, the
33 following:
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- 35 (1) Phase I - Discussion of ideas proposed by members of
36 the State Capitol Management Committee as well as
37 input solicited from members of the public, capitol
38 staff, legislators, and other building occupants;
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40 (2) Phase II - Development of a master security plan,
41 including prioritization and decision-making as to



1 what security measures the plan should include besides
2 mandatory use of metal detectors and x-ray scans of
3 baggage, securing of necessary cooperation from other
4 government agencies and departments, research into
5 what fiscal resources are needed, and passage of any
6 legislation necessary for implementation of the master
7 security plan;

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9 (3) Phase III - Securing of funding for, and
10 implementation of, security measures deemed by the
11 State Capitol Management Committee to be a short-term
12 priority; and

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14 (4) Phase IV - Securing of funding for, and implementation
15 of, security measures deemed by the State Capitol
16 Management Committee to be a longer term priority; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the requested timeline for
19 completion of the various phases of the master security plan is
20 as follows:

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22 (1) July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 for completion
23 of Phase I;

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25 (2) January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for
26 completion of Phase II;

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28 (3) January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for
29 completion of Phase III; and

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31 (4) January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020 for
32 completion of Phase IV; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Capitol Management
35 Committee is requested to submit to the legislature a written
36 report of its progress on the master security plan no later than
37 twenty days prior to the convening of each of the 2017, 2018,
38 2019, 2020, and 2021 legislative sessions; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Comptroller, Director



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1 of Public Safety, Senate President, House Speaker, and Chair of
2 the State Capitol Management Committee.

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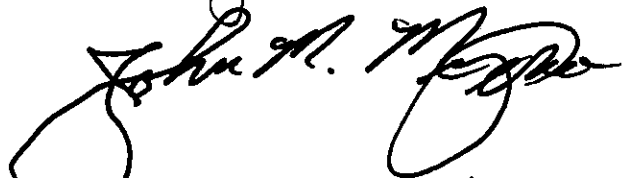
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