
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING AN INCREASED PRESENCE BY THE HONOLULU POLICE
DEPARTMENT IN THE CHINATOWN AND DOWNTOWN HONOLULU AREAS.

1 WHEREAS, the Chinatown Historic District in Honolulu is one
2 of the oldest Chinatowns in the United States, and Downtown
3 Honolulu is home to some of Oahu's most historic places; and
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5 WHEREAS, it is important to maintain the safety of business
6 owners, workers, and patrons, as well as protect their property
7 and possessions; encourage commercial activity; and preserve the
8 history and culture of the Chinatown and Downtown Honolulu
9 areas; and
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11 WHEREAS, crimes such as drug dealing, illegal gambling,
12 robbery, and purse snatching are plaguing business owners and
13 dissuading visitors from visiting these areas; and
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15 WHEREAS, there has been an increase in crime, particularly
16 in assaults and thefts, during the last quarter of 2016; and
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18 WHEREAS, according to a Honolulu Police Department (HPD)
19 report, there was a total of 34 reported incidents relating to
20 auto theft robbery, motor vehicle theft, unauthorized entry into
21 a motor vehicle, burglary, theft, or graffiti-related incidents
22 from January 24, 2017, through February 6, 2017, in Sector 1,
23 identified as the Downtown, Aala Park, and Chinatown area; and
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25 WHEREAS, while the number of reported incidents within a
26 short period of time is already a concern, many crimes may not
27 be reported to HPD; and
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29 WHEREAS, in September 2016, a woman was shot and killed in
30 an illegal gaming room in the Chinatown area; and



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1 WHEREAS, there is concern about the recent increase in and
 2 severity of criminal activity, and business owners in Chinatown
 3 are calling for more police presence in the area; and,
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5 WHEREAS, increasing the visible presence of uniformed
 6 police officers would improve public safety by deterring
 7 criminal activity as well as providing more immediate assistance
 8 to victims once a crime has been committed; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 11 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 12 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Mayor of the City and
 13 County of Honolulu and the Honolulu City Council are strongly
 14 urged to allocate more resources to the Honolulu Police
 15 Department, for the purpose of increasing visible police
 16 presence in, and active patrols of, the Downtown and Chinatown
 17 areas; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City
 21 and County of Honolulu, the Chair of the Honolulu City Council,
 22 the Chief of the Honolulu Police Department, and the Chair of
 23 the Downtown-Chinatown Neighborhood Board.
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