H.C.R. NO. ²⁰ H.D. 1

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING AN INCREASED HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENCE IN WAIANAE, THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU, 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 Honolulu is home to some of Oahu's most historic places; and 3 4 5 WHEREAS, Waianae is one of the most historic and culturally 6 rich areas of O'ahu; and 7 WHEREAS, Oahu's North Shore is one of the State's most 8 9 scenic areas and features world-famous beaches, majestic ocean 10 waves, unique restaurants and retail businesses, and a quiet and respectful community; and 11 12 13 WHEREAS, it is important to maintain the safety of 14 residents, business owners, workers, and patrons, as well as to 15 protect their property and possessions and encourage commercial activity; and 16 17 WHEREAS, crimes such as drug dealing, illegal gambling, 18 robbery, arson, vandalism, theft, and burglary are plaguing 19 residents and business owners and dissuading visitors from 20 21 visiting these areas; and 22 23 WHEREAS, there has been an increase in crime, particularly in assaults and thefts, during the last guarter of 2016; and 24 25 WHEREAS, while the number of reported incidents within a 26 short period of time is already a concern, many crimes may not 27 28 be reported to the Honolulu Police Department; and 29



1



1 WHEREAS, increasing the visible presence of uniformed' police officers would improve public safety by deterring 2 criminal activity as well as providing more immediate assistance 3 4 to victims once a crime has been committed; now, therefore, 5 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 7 8 of 2018, that the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu and the Honolulu City Council are strongly urged to allocate more 9 10 resources to the Honolulu Police Department, for the purpose of increasing visible police presence in, and active patrols of, 11 Waianae, the North Shore, and the Downtown and Chinatown areas; 12 13 and 14 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of 16

16 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of 17 Honolulu, the Chair of the Honolulu City Council, the Chief of 18 the Honolulu Police Department.

- 19 20
- 20 21

22

HCR20 HD11