## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2018 STATE OF HAWAII

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H.R. NO. **75** 

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO OPEN A POLICE STATION ON OAHU'S NORTH SHORE.

WHEREAS, Oahu's North Shore is one of the State's most
 scenic areas and features world-famous beaches, majestic ocean
 waves, unique restaurants and retail businesses, and a quiet and
 respectful community; and

6 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau
7 estimates that more than half of Oahu's 6,500,000 visitors make
8 the trek to the North Shore at some time during their stay on
9 Oahu; and

11 WHEREAS, it is important to maintain the safety of North 12 Shore residents, business owners, workers, and patrons as well 13 as to protect their property and possessions and preserve the 14 community-based lifestyle of Oahu's North Shore; and

16 WHEREAS, residents have reported that crimes such as arson, 17 vandalism, theft, and burglary have sharply increased in the 18 community, making residents feel unsafe and dissuading visitors 19 from visiting the North Shore; and

21 WHEREAS, on December 7, 2017, tourists found the body of an 22 elementary school teacher who had been cleaning a rental home on 23 Ke Iki Road near Sunset Beach with her eight-year-old daughter 24 and five days later, a man and a woman were charged with murder, 25 two counts of kidnapping, and burglary in connection with the 26 teacher's death; and

WHEREAS, according to the latest Honolulu Police Department (HPD) annual reports from 2015 and 2016, there was an increase in the total index crime rate that consists of murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and auto theft reports in Wahiawa's District 2, which includes the North Shore; and



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WHEREAS, the total index crime rate reported for District 2 1 increased from 2,023 to 2,055 crimes per 100,000 residents in 2 3 2015 and 2016, respectively, according to data extrapolated by 4 the Attorney General's Research and Statistics Division; and 5 6 WHEREAS, in District 2 from 2015 to 2016, reports of 7 burglary increased from 320 to 359 and auto theft reports increased from 284 to 324; and 8 9 10 WHEREAS, North Shore residents have reported an increase in motor vehicle-related crimes, particularly motor vehicle break-11 12 ins, over the past two years; and 13 WHEREAS, over the span of one weekend in early March 2016, 14 residents reported a series of potentially connected crimes 15 including four motor vehicle break-ins and three motor vehicle 16 17 fires; and 18 19 WHEREAS, according to an HPD report encompassing January 20 2018, there were 304 reported crimes, including 65 reports of theft, 96 reports of unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle, 21 and 23 reports of burglary in District 2; and 22 23 WHEREAS, according to HPD, there were 33 reported incidents 24 25 relating to burglary, motor vehicle theft, theft, and unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle from January 29, 2018, 26 27 through February 11, 2018, in Sector 3 of District 2, identified as the areas of Waialua and the North Shore; and 28 29 WHEREAS, while the number of reported incidents within a 30 31 short period of time is already a concern, total incidence of crime on the North Shore may be even higher as many crimes may 32 33 not be reported to HPD; and 34 35 WHEREAS, in addition to the alarming rate of criminal 36 activity, North Shore has also noticed an increase of homeless individuals in the area; and 37



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WHEREAS, according to the Hawaii Statewide Point-In-Time 1 2 Count, the number of unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness in the region from Wahiawa to North Shore increased 3 4 by 74.2 percent from 2016 to 2017; and 5 6 WHEREAS, members of the North Shore community and area 7 business owners are calling for more police presence in the area, due to concerns about the recent increase in incidence and 8 9 severity of criminal activity and homelessness; now, therefore, 10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 11 12 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, that the Honolulu Police Department is strongly urged 13 to open a police station on the North Shore of Oahu; and 14 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 16 17 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief of the Honolulu Police 18 Department. 19 20

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