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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A TRANSPARENT, COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF CERTAIN OFFICES AND PROGRAMS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO INCREASE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT.

1 WHEREAS, a performance audit of the Department of Public
2 Safety (Department) was completed in 2017; however, that audit
3 was limited in scope to only a review of the Department's
4 special funds, revolving funds, trust funds, and trust accounts;
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7 WHEREAS, no comprehensive performance or management audit
8 of the Department's offices, policies, and programs has been
9 performed in recent history; and

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11 WHEREAS, state and local government offices have been
12 subject to heightened scrutiny recently due to misconduct
13 allegations; and

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15 WHEREAS, it is in the State's best interests to
16 periodically conduct audits of the Executive Departments to
17 ensure adequate management is taking place and efficient
18 operation of programs are transpiring; and

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20 WHEREAS, a transparent, comprehensive performance audit can
21 bolster a department's credibility and help improve the public's
22 confidence in state government; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
25 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
26 Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is requested to
27 conduct a transparent, comprehensive performance and management
28 audit of certain offices and programs within the Department of
29 Public Safety to help increase public confidence in government;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit at a minimum include
2 the following offices:

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- 4 (1) Office of the Director;
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- 6 (2) Civil Rights Compliance Office;
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- 8 (3) Personnel Management Office;
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- 10 (4) Fiscal Office; and
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- 12 (5) Mental Health Services of the Health Care Division;
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit is requested to
16 include but not be limited to a review of the following policies
17 and practices:

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- 19 (1) Hiring, staffing, and supervisory policies and
20 practices, including:
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 - 22 (A) Whether applicants and employees are adequately
23 screened and qualified;
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 - 25 (B) Actual and perceived conflicts of interest and
26 favoritism among and between employees and
27 supervisors, including conflicts due to familial
28 and personal relationships; and
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 - 30 (C) Employee morale;
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- 32 (2) Handling and disposition of internal complaints made
33 and lawsuits filed by current or former employees;
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- 35 (3) Contracting and procurement policies and practices,
36 including:
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 - 38 (A) Whether contractors and vendors are adequately
39 screened and qualified;
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 - 41 (B) Compliance with state and federal laws; and
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- 1 (C) Whether contracts were steered toward contractors
- 2 and vendors due to familial and personal
- 3 relationships; and
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- 5 (4) The ability of the Department to provide necessary
- 6 mental health services to inmates and pre-trial
- 7 detainees, including whether the Department is taking
- 8 adequate steps to fill staffing vacancies related to
- 9 the provision of mental health services; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
 12 submit a report on the performance and management audit,
 13 including the Auditor's findings, recommendations, and any
 14 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
 15 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Auditor,
 19 and Director of Public Safety.
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