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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS BOARD TO CONDUCT A STUDY EVALUATING THE POTENTIAL OF CONSOLIDATING LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INTO A SINGLE STATE DEPARTMENT.

1 WHEREAS, state law enforcement personnel and functions are
2 currently spread across various departments and also county
3 agencies. This leads to many discrepancies in the
4 administration, operation, and management of law enforcement
5 services in the State; and

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7 WHEREAS, under existing law, the Department of Public
8 Safety, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Department
9 of Transportation all have independent law officers and
10 different law enforcement duties; and

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12 WHEREAS, because each department administers its own law
13 enforcement duties, law enforcement and training standards tend
14 to lack uniformity and differ between each department; and

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16 WHEREAS, a single state entity that is responsible for the
17 administration and management of law enforcement services
18 throughout the State would promote uniform standards for all law
19 enforcement services and officers in the State; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
22 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of
23 Representatives concurring, that the Law Enforcement Standards
24 Board is requested to conduct a study evaluating the potential
25 of consolidating law enforcement activities and responsibilities
26 of the Department of Public Safety, Department of Land and
27 Natural Resources, and Department of Transportation into a
28 single state department; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting its study, the
 2 Law Enforcement Standards Board is requested to examine the
 3 potential of having a centralized certification process for all
 4 law enforcement in the State; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
 8 of Public Safety, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
 9 Resources, and Director of Transportation.

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