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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES, INCLUDING THE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHERIFF DIVISION OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND HARBORS DIVISION OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO COLLABORATE WITH THE  
DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT ITS  
MISSION.

1 WHEREAS, the Division of Conservation and Resources  
2 Enforcement (DOCARE) of the Department of Land and Natural  
3 Resources is responsible for enforcement activities for the  
4 Department, including enforcement of all state laws and rules  
5 involving state lands, state parks, historic sites, forest  
6 reserves, aquatic life, wildlife areas, coastal zones,  
7 conservation districts, and state shores, as well as county  
8 ordinances involving county parks; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the mission of DOCARE is to uphold the laws that  
11 serve to protect, conserve, and manage Hawaii's unique and  
12 limited natural, cultural, and historic resources held in public  
13 trust for current and future generations of residents of, and  
14 visitors to, Hawaii; and  
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16 WHEREAS, although DOCARE's jurisdiction covers state-owned  
17 lands from the mountains to three miles offshore, DOCARE only  
18 employs about one hundred officers across all the islands that  
19 comprise Hawaii; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the State's natural resources are sacred and must  
22 be protected in a manner that will allow them to be preserved  
23 for the benefit and enjoyment of generations to come; and  
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25 WHEREAS, in a recent *Maui News* report, DOCARE Chief, Jason  
26 Redulla, explained that "DOCARE has limited resources and cannot



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1 be everywhere all the time", and this limitation in resources  
2 undermines the ability of DOCARE officials to fulfill its  
3 mission; and

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5 WHEREAS, a news report from the *Sacramento Bee* from January  
6 2021 indicated that the Department of Land and Natural Resources  
7 was forced to temporarily shut down Makena's Pu'u Ola'i "due to  
8 large, illegal gatherings during the pandemic" involving  
9 "nudity, illegal alcohol and other illicit substances"; and

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11 WHEREAS, at Pokai Bay on Oahu, boats illegally harbored  
12 close to shore have dumped their sewage into the water and  
13 previously ignored requests to vacate, while offshore of  
14 Kawaihae in Hawaii County, aquarium fish were illegally  
15 harvested; and

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17 WHEREAS, in addition to closures at Makena, the Department  
18 of Land and Natural Resources has been forced to close certain  
19 access points to Keawe'ula and Ka'ena Point State Park due to a  
20 lack of trained staff available to provide management and  
21 enforcement; and

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23 WHEREAS, these areas all fall under the jurisdiction of  
24 DOCARE, but because DOCARE is understaffed, there is a lack of  
25 enforcement presence; and

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27 WHEREAS, as a focal industry for the State, tourism is  
28 largely dependent on the availability and sustainability of the  
29 State's natural resources; now, therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
32 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
33 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that this body requests state  
34 law enforcement entities, including the Department of the  
35 Attorney General, Sheriff Division of the Department of Public  
36 Safety, and Harbors Division of the Department of  
37 Transportation, to collaborate with the Division of Conservation  
38 and Resources Enforcement of the Department of Land and Natural  
39 Resources to support its mission; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General,



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1 Director of Public Safety, Director of Transportation, and  
2 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.  
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