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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PRIORITIZE AN
INCREASED POLICE PRESENCE IN OCEAN VIEW AND COLLABORATE
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO
CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON LOCATING A POLICE SUBSTATION
IN HAWAIIAN OCEAN VIEW ESTATES.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaiian Ocean View Estates (Ocean View) in Hawai'i
2 County is one of the fastest-growing subdivisions in the United
3 States; and

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5 WHEREAS, this population growth has resulted in a
6 corresponding rise in crime, with many residents reporting
7 concerns of illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles, property crime,
8 and feral dog attacks; and

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10 WHEREAS, historically, requests for increased police
11 presence for South Kona and Ka'ū, including Ocean View, have been
12 overlooked and calls for an increase in marked police vehicles
13 to patrol and surveil these areas have not been fulfilled; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Police Department currently operates a
16 police office in the Ocean View subdivision, but cannot process
17 or book arrestees at the existing office, and the closest police
18 substation capable of booking and processing is located over
19 fourteen miles away in Nā'ālehu; and

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21 WHEREAS, after an arrestee is detained and booked at the
22 Nā'ālehu substation, they are then transported to the Hilo or
23 Kona police stations for holding; and

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25 WHEREAS, the distance between police department facilities
26 on Hawai'i Island has resulted in lengthy response times for
27 police service in Ocean View, as the officers assigned to Ocean
28 View must transport arrestees to Nā'ālehu and thereafter to Hilo
29 or Kona, preventing them from responding to calls for assistance
30 during these transportation related absences; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Police Department's presence in Ocean
3 View must be expanded to reflect population growth and to
4 appropriately respond to increased reports of crime in the area;
5 now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
9 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawai'i Police
10 Department is requested to:
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- 12 (1) Increase police staffing in Ocean View and prioritize
13 policing in the subdivision by increasing patrols by
14 marked police vehicles and shortening response times;
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16 (2) Assess necessary requests for capital improvement
17 projects in Ocean View; and
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19 (3) Submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
20 including any legislation and identifying steps taken
21 to mitigate public safety concerns and increase police
22 presence in Ocean View, to the Legislature no later
23 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
24 Session of 2023; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
27 and General Services, in collaboration with the Hawai'i Police
28 Department, is requested to:
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- 30 (1) Conduct a feasibility study on locating a police
31 substation on State land to service Ocean View; and
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33 (2) Submit a report of their findings and recommendations,
34 including any legislation, to the Legislature no later
35 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
36 Session of 2023; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller, Office
3 of the Mayor of Hawai'i County, and Chief of the Hawai'i Police
4 Department.
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OFFERED BY:

