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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO INCREASE POLICE PRESENCE ON THE WAI'ANAE COAST AND THE CREATION OF A NEW POLICE DISTRICT FOR WAI'ANAE THAT IS SEPARATE FROM KAPOLEI AND 'EWA.

1 WHEREAS, Wai'anae is one of the most historic and culturally
2 rich areas of O'ahu; and

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4 WHEREAS, the entire west side of O'ahu, including 'Ewa,
5 Kapolei, Nanakuli, and Wai'anae, is growing in population; and

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7 WHEREAS, a new police station opened in Wai'anae in May
8 2016, replacing the old station that was built in 1961; and

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10 WHEREAS, the new police station has 25,172 square feet of
11 space and fourteen holding cells and is more than three times
12 the size of its predecessor; and

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14 WHEREAS, an existing Wai'anae Community Policing Team
15 focuses on crime reduction through prevention, reporting, and
16 enforcement, as well as traffic safety awareness and
17 enforcement, and attends neighborhood security watch patrols,
18 community clean-ups, town halls, neighborhood boards, and other
19 community functions; however, increased staffing and resources
20 for the Wai'anae Coast Community Policing Team are warranted and
21 are needed to serve the growing Wai'anae area and adequately
22 manage the new police station; and

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24 WHEREAS, population, security, safety, and infrastructure
25 demands also favor separating the Wai'anae coast from 'Ewa and
26 Kapolei, which are currently combined in the Honolulu Police
27 Department's District 8, and creating a new district
28 encompassing the area from Nanakuli through Ka'ena Point; and
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1 WHEREAS, according to the Honolulu Police Department Annual
2 Report 2020, there were six murders, fifty-three rapes, one
3 hundred fifteen robberies, two hundred forty-six aggravated
4 assaults, four hundred forty-six burglaries, 2,823 larcenies,
5 and four hundred ninety-one auto thefts reported in 2020 in
6 District 8; and

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8 WHEREAS, of the crimes reported, District 8 had the highest
9 number of murders and aggravated assaults on O'ahu in 2020; and

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11 WHEREAS, it is important to maintain the safety of Wai'anae
12 residents, business owners, workers, and patrons and to protect
13 their property and possessions; and

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15 WHEREAS, concern about the recent increase in and severity
16 of criminal activity has prompted local residents and business
17 owners in Wai'anae to call for a greater police presence in the
18 area; and

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20 WHEREAS, increasing the visible presence of uniformed
21 police officers would improve public safety by deterring
22 criminal activity and providing more immediate assistance to
23 victims once a crime has been committed; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
27 that this body urges the allocation of additional resources to
28 increase police presence on the Wai'anae coast and the creation
29 of a new police district for Wai'anae that is separate from
30 Kapolei and 'Ewa; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the new police
33 district to include and be bounded by Nanakuli and Ka'ena Point;
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges an increase in
37 staffing and resources for the Wai'anae Coast Community Policing
38 Team; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of



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1 Honolulu, Chair of the Honolulu City Council, and Interim Chief
2 of the Honolulu Police Department.

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