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## SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO INCREASE POLICE PRESENCE ON THE WAI'ANAE COAST AND TO CREATE A NEW POLICE DISTRICT FOR WAI'ANAE THAT IS SEPARATE FROM KAPOLEI AND 'EWA.

1 WHEREAS, Waianae is one of the most historic and culturally  
2 rich areas of Oahu; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the entire west side of Oahu, including Ewa,  
5 Kapolei, Nanakuli, and Waianae, is growing in population; and  
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7 WHEREAS, a new police station opened in Waianae 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 Waianae 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 Waianae Coast Community Policing Team are warranted and  
21 are needed to serve the growing Waianae 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 Waianae 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 Kaena Point; and  
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30 WHEREAS, according to the Honolulu Police Department Annual  
31 Report 2020, there were six murders, fifty-three rapes, one  
32 hundred fifteen robberies, two hundred forty-six aggravated



1 assaults, four hundred forty-six burglaries, 2,823 larcenies,  
2 and four hundred ninety-one auto thefts reported in 2020 in  
3 District 8; and

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5 WHEREAS, of the crimes reported, District 8 had the highest  
6 number of murders and aggravated assaults on Oahu in 2020; and

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8 WHEREAS, it is important to maintain the safety of Waianae  
9 residents, business owners, workers, and patrons and to protect  
10 their property and possessions; and

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12 WHEREAS, concern about the recent increase in and severity  
13 of criminal activity has prompted local residents and business  
14 owners in Waianae to call for a greater police presence in the  
15 area; and

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

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,  
24 that the Honolulu Police Department is urged to allocate  
25 additional resources to increase police presence on the Waianae  
26 coast and create a new police district for Waianae that is  
27 separate from Kapolei and Ewa; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the new police district is  
30 urged to include and be bounded by Nanakuli and Kaena Point; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an increase in staffing and  
33 resources is requested for the Waianae Coast Community Policing  
34 Team; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
37 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of  
38 Honolulu, Chair of the Honolulu City Council, and Interim Chief  
39 of the Honolulu Police Department.

