
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REPORT TO
THE LEGISLATURE ON WAYS TO STRENGTHEN THE STATE'S
REGISTRATION OF SEX OFFENDERS AND OFFENDERS AGAINST MINORS.

1 WHEREAS, sex offender registration and notification
2 programs are important for public safety purposes; and

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4 WHEREAS, sex offender registration is a system for
5 monitoring and tracking sex offenders following their release
6 into the community - providing important information about
7 convicted sex offenders, such as the offender's name, current
8 location, and past offenses, to local and federal authorities
9 and the public; and

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11 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, persons who commit serious sexual
12 offenses or crimes against minors, including sexual assault, sex
13 trafficking, and kidnapping, must register with and regularly
14 provide information to the Attorney General; and

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16 WHEREAS, generally, a covered offender must register for
17 life; however, when certain requirements are met, an offender
18 may petition the court to terminate the offender's registration
19 requirement pursuant to chapter 846E, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
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22 WHEREAS, given the serious nature of the offenses for which
23 an offender must register, the only reason an offender's
24 registration requirement should be terminated is if the offender
25 is later found innocent of the offense subject to registration;
26 now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
30 Session of 2024, that the Department of the Attorney General is
31 requested to examine ways to strengthen the State's registration
32 of sex offenders and offenders against minors, including by



1 amending state law to only allow covered offenders to terminate
2 registration requirements if the offender is later proven
3 innocent of the offense that mandates registration; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of the Attorney
6 General is requested to submit a report of its findings and
7 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
8 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
9 the Regular Session of 2025; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General and
13 Administrator of the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center.
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OFFERED BY:



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