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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER ENSURE THAT ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND OFFICES OF THE STATE HAVE UP-TO-DATE TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE CYBER THREATS AND HELP PROTECT THE STATE AGAINST CYBERATTACKS.

1 WHEREAS, the frequency, scale, and sophistication of
2 cyberattacks against key infrastructure and government systems
3 have been on the rise in recent years; and
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5 WHEREAS, many of these cyberattacks lead to data breaches
6 of highly sensitive and personal information, such as the major
7 security breach suffered by the United States (U.S.) Marshals
8 Service on February 17, 2023; and
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10 WHEREAS, the U.S. Marshals Service is a division of the
11 United States Department of Justice that provides for the
12 protection of judges and court personnel, transportation of
13 federal prisoners, and operation of the federal Witness
14 Protection Program; and
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16 WHEREAS, according to United States Department of Justice
17 officials, hackers attacked the computer system through
18 ransomware and stole law enforcement data that included returns
19 from the legal process, administrative information, and
20 personally identifiable information relating to U.S. Marshals
21 Service investigative targets, third parties, and certain U.S.
22 Marshals Service employees; and
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24 WHEREAS, recent significant cyberattacks on other
25 governmental entities include the ransomware attacks on various
26 governmental institutions of Costa Rica throughout April and May
27 of 2022, and the attack on Vanuatu's government servers and
28 websites in November 2022; and
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30 WHEREAS, the ransomware attacks on the Costa Rican
31 government not only caused losses of tens of millions of dollars



1 a day to the country's import/export industry for months, but
2 also widespread disruptions to the country's social security
3 fund and health care system, causing Costa Rica to be the first
4 nation to declare a national emergency due these attacks; and
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6 WHEREAS, Vanuatu is an archipelagic state in the Pacific
7 with a population of just over 315,000 people and the
8 cyberattack to this nation took down virtually all of the
9 government's digital networks, including but not limited to its
10 emergency systems, medical records, vehicle registrations,
11 driver's license databases, and tax systems, thereby causing its
12 agencies to conduct their work on paper and by using personal
13 email accounts for months following the attack; and
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15 WHEREAS, the ongoing cyberwarfare between Russia and
16 Ukraine, which has resulted in skewed election results, theft
17 and destruction of data, blackouts, and other forms of data
18 breaches and service disruptions, demonstrates the magnitude of
19 chaos that can be caused by cybercriminals, not only to key day-
20 to-day operations, but also to major institutions and
21 infrastructure; and
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23 WHEREAS, the growing state of cyber threats and speed at
24 which cyber criminals target government entities require that
25 the State have up-to-date technology to lower the chances of a
26 possible data breach or worse; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the
30 House of Representatives concurring, that the Chief Information
31 Officer is requested to ensure that all departments, agencies,
32 and offices of the State have up-to-date technology to reduce
33 cyber threats and help protect the State against cyberattacks;
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all departments, agencies, and
37 offices of the State are requested to cooperate with and assist
38 the Chief Information Officer to determine whether any and what
39 upgrades are needed to current technology to reduce the chances
40 of falling victim to cyber threats, including but not limited to
41 disruptive hacks, ransomware attacks, data breaches, and digital
42 scams; and



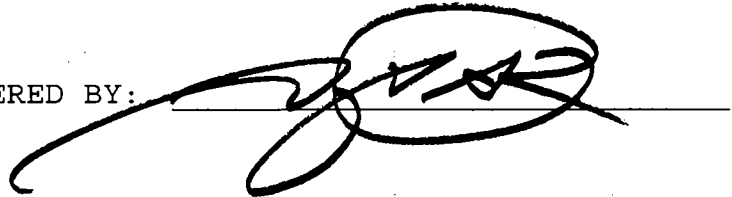
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Information Officer is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation and the prioritization of projects to upgrade the technology of the State, to the Legislature prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Chief Information Officer.

OFFERED BY:

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