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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING KAUAI COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO WORK WITH THE KAUAI POLICE DEPARTMENT TO EXPLORE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

1 WHEREAS, the Kauai Police Department faces the challenge of  
2 recruiting and retaining police officers for this rural  
3 community; and  
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5 WHEREAS, recruitment and retention rates could be improved  
6 if the pool of candidates consisted of more individuals who  
7 reside in Kauai; and  
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9 WHEREAS, police departments seek candidates with strengths  
10 in various dimensions, including but not limited to social  
11 competence, teamwork, computer literacy, legal-constitutional  
12 matters, adaptability-flexibility, conscientiousness-  
13 dependability, impulse control, integrity-ethics, stress  
14 tolerance, judgment, assertiveness-persuasiveness, and avoiding  
15 substance abuse and other risk-taking behaviors; and  
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17 WHEREAS, police officers of today are called to assist in  
18 situations that involve a complexity of social issues, including  
19 but not limited to domestic abuse, elder abuse, school safety,  
20 child welfare, mental/psychological distress, and substance  
21 abuse; and  
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23 WHEREAS, candidates seeking to enter the honorable career  
24 of a police officer should be afforded an educational  
25 opportunity to acquire skills and knowledge that best equip the  
26 individual to perform the individual's duties; and  
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28 WHEREAS, courses in Criminal Justice are not currently  
29 available at Kauai's only postsecondary educational institution,  
30 Kauai Community College; now, therefore,  
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,  
34 that Kauai Community College is requested to work with the Kauai  
35 Police Department to explore the possibility of developing an



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1 Associate of Science degree program in Criminal Justice, or  
2 other related police training certification; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kauai Community College is  
5 requested to report its findings and recommendations to the  
6 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
7 the Regular Session of 2009; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
10 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of  
11 Hawaii, the Chancellor of Kauai Community College, the Kauai  
12 member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, the Provost  
13 of Kauai Community College, the Kauai Police Chief, the Mayor of  
14 the County of Kauai, and the members of the Kauai County  
15 Council.

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