
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE JUDICIARY, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND THE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO WORK IN A COORDINATED EFFORT TO DETERMINE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO PERMANENTLY ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM OF A BACKLOG IN UNSERVED ARREST WARRANTS THAT GOES BEYOND ONLY FISCAL AND BUDGETARY DISCUSSIONS OR SOLUTIONS.

1 WHEREAS, as of July 2007, the State had an estimated
2 backlog of 61,500 arrest warrants unserved; and

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4 WHEREAS, this backlog includes traffic, felony, and
5 misdemeanor warrants; and

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7 WHEREAS, the unserved arrest warrants are costing the State
8 a potential of \$20,000,000 in unpaid fines and fees; and

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10 WHEREAS, the considerable number of unserved warrants also
11 creates a public safety concern; and

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13 WHEREAS, there are many factors that contribute to the
14 backlog in unserved arrest warrants; and

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16 WHEREAS, a permanent solution to clear up the current
17 backlog and ensure that future arrest warrants are served in a
18 timely manner must be developed; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
22 of 2009, that the Judiciary, Department of Public Safety (PSD),
23 the county prosecutor offices, and the county police departments
24 are urged to work in a coordinated effort to determine a
25 comprehensive plan to permanently alleviate the problem of a
26 backlog in unserved arrest warrants that goes beyond only fiscal
27 and budgetary discussions or solutions; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judiciary, PSD, and the
30 county police departments are requested to present their
31 findings in a joint report to the Legislature, including any



