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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES
ENFORCEMENT TO APPLY FOR ACCREDITATION WITH THE COMMISSION
ON ACCREDITATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, INC.

1 WHEREAS, the Division of Conservation and Resources
2 Enforcement of the Department of Land and Natural Resources
3 underwent a financial and management audit in 2005; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Management Audit of the Division of
6 Conservation and Resources Enforcement, Report No. 06-01,
7 January 2006, affirmed the importance of having a Division of
8 Conservation and Resources Enforcement to protect Hawaii's
9 precious natural and cultural resources and identified several
10 areas needing restructure and reorganization to improve the
11 effectiveness of those efforts; and
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13 WHEREAS, in response to the January 2006 report the
14 Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement underwent
15 extensive strategic planning and as a Division determined that
16 their main priority is to restructure their internal
17 organization to increase professionalism, accountability,
18 transparency, responsibility, effectiveness, and efficiency; and
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20 WHEREAS, in order to achieve the level of effectiveness,
21 accountability, transparency, and other objectives sought, the
22 Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement identified
23 law enforcement recognition or accreditation as the appropriate
24 solution; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Commission on Accreditation for Law
27 Enforcement Agencies, Inc. specializes in accrediting law
28 enforcement agencies; and
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30 WHEREAS, the Commission on Accreditation for Law
31 Enforcement Agencies, Inc. provides services to strengthen and
32 improve staffing, oversee and train officers, establish law



1 enforcement standards, assist in strategizing to protect natural
2 and cultural resources, improve public accountability, and
3 evaluate risk management systems; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Division of Conservation and Resources
6 Enforcement's participation in law enforcement accreditation may
7 provide the needed internal organization to provide improved
8 public service and to accomplish the mission and objectives in
9 the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement's
10 strategic plan; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
14 House of Representatives concurring, that the Division of
15 Conservation and Resources Enforcement is requested to apply for
16 accreditation with the Commission on Accreditation for Law
17 Enforcement Agencies, Inc.; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Division of Conservation
20 and Resources Enforcement is requested to submit an application
21 no later than January 31, 2010 for accreditation with the
22 Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.;
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Division of Conservation
26 and Resources Enforcement is requested to report its findings
27 and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
28 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
32 Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Administrator of the
33 Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement.
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