HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO IMPLEMENT AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM KNOWN AS THE BLUE ALERT TO EXPEDITE THE APPREHENSION OF VIOLENT CRIMINALS WHO KILL OR SERIOUSLY WOUND COUNTY, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, brave and dedicated law enforcement officers in the State have been killed or severely injured in the line of duty by violent criminals; and

WHEREAS, violent acts committed against law enforcement officers increase the perpetrator's propensity to seriously harm or injure innocent bystanders and other people unauthorized to use deadly force; and

WHEREAS, the amber and silver alerts, used to notify government agencies and the public in cases of child abductions and missing seniors, respectively, have been successfully implemented in many states; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Texas Governor Rick Perry signed an executive order implementing a "blue alert" program as a means to expedite the apprehension of violent criminals who kill or seriously injure local, state, or federal law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the blue alert system operates in the same manner as the amber and silver alerts by quickly providing essential information to government agencies and the public when a situation requires the alert to be activated; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a blue alert system in the State would expedite and assist law enforcement agencies in the apprehension of violent criminals responsible for the death or injury of county, state, or federal law enforcement officers and protect the public from further harm; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
of 2010, that the Department of Public Safety is requested to implement an early warning system known as the blue alert to expedite the dissemination of information critical to the apprehension of violent criminals who kill or seriously injure county, state, or federal law enforcement officers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety is requested to develop a blue alert early warning system with assistance and input from federal and county law enforcement agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Director of Public Safety, the United States Marshal for the district of Hawaii, the Acting Special Agent-in-Charge of the Honolulu office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and to the chief of police in each county.

OFFERED BY: [Signature]

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