
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY
DNA COLLECTION OF ARRESTEES IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

1 Whereas, experience from other states have demonstrated
2 that DNA collection of felony arrestees have prevented other
3 crimes;

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5 WHEREAS, many times, a person who commits one crime goes on
6 to commit other crimes, often more heinous; and

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8 WHEREAS, A case study on preventable crimes by the City of
9 Chicago, presented to the state legislature in 2005 pinpointed
10 crimes which may have been prevented had DNA been collected upon
11 arrest; and

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13 WHEREAS, the study found that 8 criminals accumulated 21
14 felony arrests before being convicted of violent crimes and 22
15 murders and 30 rapes could have been prevented;

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17 WHEREAS, other jurisdictions have agreed that collecting
18 DNA upon felony arrests is positive as 19 other states have
19 passed laws collecting DNA for felony arrests; and

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21 WHEREAS, the states having passed DNA collection for felony
22 arrests include Alabama, Alaska, California, Colorado, Florida,
23 Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota,
24 Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah,
25 Vermont, and Virginia; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Attorney General's
30 Office is requested to convene a task force to study DNA
31 collection of arrestees in other jurisdictions, any problems
32 they may have encountered such as expungement issues,



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1 maintenance of samples, who collects, when is sample collected,
 2 cost concerns, and implementation issues such as obtaining kits
 3 and staffing needs; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall make
 6 recommendations including appropriate legislation and report to
 7 the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of
 8 the Regular Session of 2012; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 11 Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General, the Police
 12 CHIEFS OF EACH COUNTY, AND the Prosecuting Attorneys of each
 13 county.
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