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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO WORK WITH  
STAKEHOLDERS AND APPROPRIATE AGENCIES TO CREATE AN  
EFFICIENT TRACKING METHOD FOR DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID (DNA)  
RAPE KITS.

1           WHEREAS, in 2009, police departments in Hawaii processed  
2 fewer than half of the one-hundred thirty-nine rape kits  
3 containing DNA evidence submitted by the Sex Abuse Treatment  
4 Center; and  
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6           WHEREAS, processing a single DNA sample can cost between  
7 \$100 and \$1,000, and expenses for a rape kit containing numerous  
8 samples may range between \$1,000 and \$8,500; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department testified that the  
11 decision to request an analysis of a rape kit is strictly that  
12 of the case investigator or deputy prosecutor; the Crime  
13 Laboratory is primarily concerned with the timely completion of  
14 the requested analyses; and, to this end, the Crime Laboratory  
15 has maintained a manageable number of sex assault analysis  
16 requests, which are assigned and scheduled for completion; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the Attorney General administers the Statewide  
19 Sexual Assault Services program, which provides a coordinated  
20 and comprehensive response to victims of sexual assault; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the Attorney General also manages the Violence  
23 Against Women Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors grant,  
24 which has been funding the Sex Abuse Treatment Center's  
25 coordinated effort to improve sex assault protocols including  
26 the forensic examination of victims; now, therefore,  
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28           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
29 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
30 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Attorney General is



1 requested to work with the county police departments to  
2 coordinate with other states and federal law enforcement  
3 agencies to create an efficient tracking method for DNA rape  
4 kits; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General is  
7 requested to assist in identifying additional funding sources  
8 for the Honolulu Police Department Crime Laboratory; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General is  
11 requested to work with social service agencies, the Sex Abuse  
12 Treatment Center, law enforcement agencies, and the prosecuting  
13 attorneys of each county to review and implement the initiatives  
14 contained in this concurrent resolution; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General is  
17 requested to work with the county police departments, the  
18 prosecuting attorneys of each county, and county forensics  
19 laboratories in reviewing their inter-agency policies, financing  
20 guidelines, and procedures regarding DNA rape kit processing;  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General is  
24 requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than  
25 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Sessions of  
26 2013 and 2014, including the following:

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28 (1) The status of its effort in creating an efficient  
29 tracking method for DNA rape kit processing;

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31 (2) Potential sources of additional funding for the  
32 Honolulu Police Department Crime Laboratory; and

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34 (3) Other recommendations, including any proposed  
35 legislation; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
39 Attorney General, the Chiefs of Police of each county, and the  
40 prosecuting attorneys of each county.

