
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE CAPITOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER
SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE STATE CAPITOL.

1 WHEREAS, the state capitol building opened in 1969, is the
2 State's central meeting and decision-making location, and is
3 open to the general public during operating hours; and
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5 WHEREAS, the capitol building was designed and constructed
6 during an era in which security concerns were much different
7 than they are today; and
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9 WHEREAS, the capitol building does not include metal
10 detectors or controlled access points to deter weapons and other
11 contraband; and
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13 WHEREAS, the capitol building also does not include
14 barriers to prevent unauthorized vehicles from entering the
15 capitol grounds or the rotunda; and
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17 WHEREAS, the capitol building is sometimes accessed by
18 persons who do not visit for a specific purpose but who wander
19 randomly; and
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21 WHEREAS, visitors to the state capitol building have
22 sometimes caused disturbances or created dangerous situations,
23 including making direct threats to visitors or capitol
24 employees; and
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26 WHEREAS, there is a need to improve security at the state
27 capitol building to better ensure public safety at the capitol;
28 now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



1 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the State Capitol
2 Management Committee is urged to consider security improvements
3 for the state capitol; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Capitol Management
6 Committee is urged to collaborate with the United States
7 Department of Homeland Security, the Governor, the Legislature,
8 the Department of Accounting and General Services, the
9 Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Department of
10 Public Safety, and the Honolulu Police Department regarding
11 potential security improvements for the state capitol; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Capitol Management
14 Committee is urged to consider including the following types of
15 security improvements for the state capitol:
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- 17 (1) Controlled access points on the rotunda and chamber
18 levels, having appropriate equipment to detect weapons
19 and other contraband;
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- 21 (2) Fencing or other appropriate barriers to prevent
22 unauthorized vehicles from entering the capitol
23 grounds or rotunda; and
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- 25 (3) The employment of private personnel to staff
26 controlled access points to screen for weapons and
27 contraband, effectuate the security improvements, and
28 perform these duties in coordination with the law
29 enforcement personnel of the State and county; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
32 Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Division is urged
33 to promptly evaluate the potential necessity of any exemptions
34 from applicable historic preservation designations or related
35 restrictions to accomplish the security improvements; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Capitol Management
38 Committee is requested to provide a report on its efforts to
39 effectuate the purposes of this measure, including any proposed
40 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
41 the 2019 Regular Session; and
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
44 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of



1 Homeland Security, the Chair of the State Capitol Management
2 Committee, the Governor, the Chair of the Board of Land and
3 Natural Resources, the Comptroller, the Director of Public
4 Safety, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
5 President of the Senate, and the Chief of the Honolulu Police
6 Department.

