REQUESTING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS BOARD TO CONDUCT A
STUDY EVALUATING THE POTENTIAL OF CONSOLIDATING LAW
ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL
RESOURCES, AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INTO A SINGLE
STATE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, state law enforcement personnel and functions are
currently spread across various departments and also county
agencies. This leads to many discrepancies in the
administration, operation, and management of law enforcement
services in the State; and

WHEREAS, under existing law, the Department of Public
Safety, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Department
of Transportation all have independent law officers and
different law enforcement duties; and

WHEREAS, because each department administers its own law
enforcement duties, law enforcement and training standards tend
to lack uniformity and differ between each department; and

WHEREAS, a single state entity that is responsible for the
administration and management of law enforcement services
throughout the State would promote uniform standards for all law
enforcement services and officers in the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the Law
Enforcement Standards Board is requested to conduct a study
evaluating the potential of consolidating law enforcement
activities and responsibilities of the Department of Public
Safety, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Department
of Transportation into a single state department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting its study, the
Law Enforcement Standards Board is requested to examine the
potential of having a centralized certification process for all
law enforcement in the State; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Public Safety, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and Director of Transportation.

OFFERED BY: 

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