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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING KAUAI COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO WORK WITH THE KAUAI POLICE
DEPARTMENT TO EXPLORE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ASSOCIATE OF
SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

1 WHEREAS, the Kauai Police Department faces the challenge of
2 recruiting and retaining police officers for this rural
3 community; and
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5 WHEREAS, recruitment and retention rates could be improved
6 if the pool of candidates consisted of more individuals who
7 reside in Kauai; and
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9 WHEREAS, police departments seek candidates with strengths
10 in various dimensions, including but not limited to social
11 competence, teamwork, computer literacy, legal-constitutional
12 matters, adaptability-flexibility, conscientiousness-
13 dependability, impulse control, integrity-ethics, stress
14 tolerance, judgment, assertiveness-persuasiveness, and avoiding
15 substance abuse and other risk-taking behaviors; and
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17 WHEREAS, police officers of today are called to assist in
18 situations that involve a complexity of social issues, including
19 but not limited to domestic abuse, elder abuse, school safety,
20 child welfare, mental/psychological distress, and substance
21 abuse; and
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23 WHEREAS, candidates seeking to enter the honorable career
24 of a police officer should be afforded an educational
25 opportunity to acquire skills and knowledge that best equip the
26 individual to perform the individual's duties; and
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28 WHEREAS, courses in Criminal Justice are not currently
29 available at Kauai's only postsecondary educational institution,
30 Kauai Community College; now, therefore,
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S.C.R. NO. 192

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
 3 House of Representatives concurring, that Kauai Community
 4 College is requested to work with the Kauai Police Department to
 5 explore the possibility of developing an Associate of Science
 6 degree program in Criminal Justice, or other related police
 7 training certification; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kauai Community College is
 10 requested to report its findings and recommendations to the
 11 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 12 the Regular Session of 2009; and

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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
 16 University of Hawaii, the Chancellor of Kauai Community College,
 17 the Kauai member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents,
 18 the Provost of Kauai Community College, the Kauai Police Chief,
 19 the Mayor of the County of Kauai, and the members of the Kauai
 20 County Council.

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