
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE JUDICIARY TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND
UNIFORM PRACTICES REGARDING BODY AND DASH CAMERA
IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN HAWAII LAW ENFORCEMENT STATEWIDE.

1 WHEREAS, trust between law enforcement agencies and the
2 citizens they serve is essential to the stability of
3 communities, the integrity of the criminal justice system, and a
4 safe and effective delivery of public safety services; and
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6 WHEREAS, in order to safeguard the public and peace
7 officers of this State, it is vital for local peace officers and
8 the communities they protect to have strong, collaborative
9 relationships; and
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11 WHEREAS, implementing the use of body cameras by all law
12 enforcement agencies in the State could assist in preventing and
13 resolving complaints brought by members of the public against
14 peace officers; strengthening law enforcement transparency,
15 performance, and accountability; and the documentation of
16 evidence; and
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18 WHEREAS, the use of video footage might discourage citizens
19 from filing unfounded complaints against officers, which could
20 save state agencies a significant amount of time and funds that
21 would otherwise be spent on lengthy investigations and lawsuits;
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24 WHEREAS, body cameras and dash cameras may assist law
25 enforcement agencies in identifying and correcting problems
26 within those agencies by using footage from the cameras to
27 provide scenario-based training, evaluate the performance of new
28 officers in the field, and identify new areas in which training
29 is needed; and



1 WHEREAS, the County of Kauai implemented the use of cameras
2 by law enforcement and the County of Maui is seriously
3 considering the same; and
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5 WHEREAS, use of body and dash cameras by law enforcement in
6 other regions has been shown to placate officer-civilian
7 conflict and reduce the use of force by officers in the field,
8 either due to changes in civilian behavior in response to the
9 cameras' presence or to changes in that of the officers; now,
10 therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
13 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
14 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Judiciary is
15 requested to convene a law enforcement body camera and dash
16 camera implementation task force to:
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- 18 (1) Recommend best procedures for the use of body and dash
19 cameras by law enforcement agencies throughout the
20 State, including uniform policies on the retention and
21 deletion of relevant and inadvertent camera
22 recordings;
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- 24 (2) Recommend policies on the protection of privacy and
25 access by the public and news media to camera
26 recordings;
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- 28 (3) Identify the resources necessary to effectuate the
29 task force's recommendations; and
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- 31 (4) Conduct any other business deemed necessary to carry
32 out the purpose of this measure; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of
35 the following members representing the diversity of the State:
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- 37 (1) The chair of the House Committee on Judiciary;
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- 39 (2) The chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and
40 Labor;
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- 42 (3) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's
43 designee;



- 1 (4) The State Public Defender or the Public Defender's
2 designee;
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- 4 (5) The Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Hawaii,
5 County of Kauai, County of Maui, or the City and
6 County of Honolulu, or the Prosecuting Attorney's
7 designee;
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- 9 (6) A representative from the University of Hawaii
10 Criminal Justice Department;
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- 12 (7) The President of the State of Hawaii Organization of
13 Police Officers or the President's designee; and
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- 15 (8) A representative of the American Civil Liberties Union
16 of Hawaii; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
19 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
20 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
21 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
22 2017, including but not to be limited to the following:

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- 24 (1) General guidelines for the proper use, maintenance,
25 and storage of body and dash cameras, which shall
26 include recommendations on procedures for when body
27 and dash cameras shall be in recording mode;
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- 29 (2) Any limitations on which law enforcement entities are
30 permitted to use body and dash cameras, and whether
31 there are situations where camera footage obtained
32 encroaches upon civil liberties;
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- 34 (3) General guidelines for the proper storage, retention,
35 and release of audio and video data recorded by body
36 and dash cameras;
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- 38 (4) General guidelines regarding law enforcement training
39 relative to each law enforcement agency's policies and
40 procedures on the use of body and dash cameras; and
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- 42 (5) Legislation needed, if any, to authorize the use of
43 body cameras by law enforcement in this State; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice,
3 Attorney General, the State Public Defender, the Prosecuting
4 Attorneys for the County of Hawaii, County of Maui, County of
5 Kauai, and City and County of Honolulu, the head of the
6 University of Hawaii Criminal Justice Department, the President
7 of the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers, and the
8 Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of
9 Hawaii.

