
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO
CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF
ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE ELECTRONIC REPORTING SYSTEM FOR
PAWN SHOPS.

1 WHEREAS, transactions with pawnbrokers frequently allow
2 thieves to convert stolen property into cash; and
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4 WHEREAS, while existing law empowers the chief of police in
5 each county to require that pawn transaction information be
6 electronically submitted to the police department, no unified
7 statewide system for the electronic filing of this information
8 currently exists; and
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10 WHEREAS, generally, records of pawn transactions are
11 manually prepared and submitted to the police, which results in
12 thousands of paper reports per month on Oahu alone; and
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14 WHEREAS, the manual reporting system hampers law
15 enforcement investigations by creating waiting periods to gain
16 access to needed information; and
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18 WHEREAS, the introduction of an electronic reporting system
19 for pawn shops would reduce recovery time for stolen items,
20 increase the speed by which information is transferred to law
21 enforcement agencies, and allow law enforcement officials to
22 inspect and track transactions in a timelier manner; and
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24 WHEREAS, a unified statewide electronic database of pawn
25 transactions would increase the probability of solving stolen
26 property crimes and aid in the recovery of stolen property; now,
27 therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
31 Session of 2014, that the Director of Commerce and Consumer
32 Affairs is requested to convene a working group to examine the



1 feasibility of establishing a unified statewide electronic
2 reporting system for pawn shops; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Commerce and
5 Consumer Affairs or the Director's designee is requested to
6 serve as the chairperson of the working group and to invite the
7 following parties to be members of the working group:

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9 (1) One member from the State Procurement Office;
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11 (2) One member from the Office of Information Management
12 and Technology;
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14 (3) One member from the Department of the Prosecuting
15 Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu;
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17 (4) Two members of law enforcement agencies, with one
18 member representing the island of Oahu and one member
19 representing a neighbor island;
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21 (5) Two members who are pawnbrokers, with one member
22 representing the island of Oahu and one member
23 representing a neighbor island;
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25 (6) One member from the National Pawnbrokers Association;
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28 (7) One member from the Hawaii Pawnbrokers Association;
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Commerce and
32 Consumer Affairs is requested to provide any necessary
33 administrative, professional, technical, and clerical support to
34 the working group; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the working
37 group shall receive no compensation for their services, but may
38 be reimbursed for incidental expenses, including travel costs,
39 necessary for the performance of their duties; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be exempt
42 from the requirements of Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
43 and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Commerce and
2 Consumer Affairs is requested to submit a report of the working
3 group's findings and recommendations, including any proposed
4 legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to
5 the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and
9 Consumer Affairs, Administrator of the State Procurement Office,
10 Chief Information Officer, Prosecuting Attorney of the City and
11 County of Honolulu, President of the National Pawnbrokers
12 Association, and President of the Hawaii Pawnbrokers
13 Association.

