URGING ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS IN
THE STATE TO VIGOROUSLY ENFORCE AND PROSECUTE OFFENSES
COMMITTED AGAINST ESSENTIAL WORKERS WHILE ON THE JOB.

WHEREAS, the outbreak of the novel coronavirus disease,
SARS-CoV-2, has given rise to the public's reliance upon a
multitude of workers for essential services, such as health
care, grocery and food service, hospitality, airline travel, and
ground transportation; and

WHEREAS, essential workers' jobs often involve a high
degree of face-to-face interaction with the public; and

WHEREAS, in the course of their employment, essential
workers are required to relay to customers and other members of
the public government-enacted emergency rules and orders; and

WHEREAS, in the course of their employment, essential
workers are also required to enforce these rules and orders; and

WHEREAS, an essential worker is defined by the Advisory
Committee on Immunization Practices within the Centers for
Disease Control and Prevention as those at "highest risk for
work-related exposure to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes
COVID-19, because their work-related duties must be performed
on-suite and involve being in close proximity (<6 feet) to the
public or to coworkers" and further lists the types of workers
considered "essential workers;" and

WHEREAS, it is unacceptable that essential workers are
often harassed or confronted, sometimes physically, while trying
to do their jobs by persons who do not wish to follow the
emergency rules and orders; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the House of Representatives concurring, that all law enforcement officers and prosecuting attorneys in the State are urged to vigorously enforce and prosecute offenses committed against essential workers while on the job; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief of Police and Prosecuting Attorney of each county.