



RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO WORK WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO REDUCE PROPERTY DAMAGE IN CITY PARKS THROUGH CITIZEN REWARDS PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, vandalism to public property increases the costs to the city to maintain, repair and replace public property and limits the use and enjoyment of the property by the public; and

WHEREAS, damage to comfort stations in city parks often renders those facilities and entire parks unusable by the public until repairs can be completed by the city; and

WHEREAS, in previous years the Honolulu City Council and the State Legislature have considered programs that would provide monetary rewards for citizens reporting certain criminal activities; and

WHEREAS, community participation in reporting crime may increase the effectiveness of enforcement by the Honolulu Police Department ("HPD") and the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney; and

WHEREAS, HPD coordinates with CrimeStoppers Honolulu, Inc, a private nonprofit organization, to reduce crime and increase community safety, including a privately funded rewards program which pays rewards to citizens of up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest or identification of a criminal perpetrator; and

WHEREAS, HPD should work with community organizations such as CrimeStoppers Honolulu to increase the effectiveness of the citizen rewards program in reducing property damage at comfort stations and other facilities in city parks; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it requests the Honolulu Police Department to work with community organizations to reduce property damage in city parks through citizen rewards programs that pay members of the public cash rewards for information leading to an arrest; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief of Police.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tom Derb

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Councilmembers

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