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The Catalyst Group

March 17, 2018

To: Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair
And members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,
and Military Affairs

Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
And members of the Committee on Education

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SCR 64/SR 34 **REQUESTING FEDERAL FUNDING TO PROVIDE SCHOOL** **RESOURCE OFFICERS IN EVERY SCHOOL IN HAWAII**

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, opposes SCR 64/SR 34.

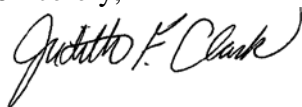
HYSN is concerned that an increasing police presence at schools will "criminalize" student behavior by moving problematic students to the juvenile justice system rather than disciplining them at school. Throughout the country arrest rates for students are higher in schools with school resource officers.

Hawaii has the lowest rate of gun violence in the United States. Our gun laws and our aloha spirit combine to prevent the kind of tragedies that have taken place in Florida and other states.

Having armed resource officers in our public schools is neither necessary or desirable.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director

SR-34

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 2:17:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/21/2018 2:46:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

SR-34

Submitted on: 3/16/2018 3:12:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/21/2018 2:46:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/17/2018 2:30:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/21/2018 2:46:00 PM

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Susan Pcola_Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

REQUESTING FEDERAL FUNDING TO PROVIDE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS IN EVERY SCHOOL IN HAWAII.

I am in support of having SROs in every school. I think there needs to be an analysis of our campus' to determine the expectations of an SRO. I had a hard time understanding that the Florida Police Force expected their SRO to walk into that building, alone and basically unarmed. At least not armed to be able to overtake the shooter.

So this needs to be thoroughly reviewed to really define what the SRO is expected to do if a grievous situation erupts.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair

SCR 64 / SR 34

Wednesday, March 21st, 2:46 PM

Conference Room 229

Aloha, my name is Muhammad Talha Quadri. I am an MSW candidate at UH Manoa, and I have prior experience working as an intern for the DOE. I am submitting written and oral testimony for SCR 64 / SR 34. I am testifying in support of this resolution.

The reason I support this resolution is because it is a rational and cost-effective solution to the threat of mass shootings at schools. School shootings have been a problem in America for decades. Hawaii is one of the lucky states that has never had a multiple fatality shooting in a school, and I believe this resolution will ensure that it stays that way. This resolution would be a much more sound idea than arming all teachers in public schools. That idea is difficult to safely and efficiently implement, as every teacher in the state would need to be licensed and trained to operate a firearm. This alternative would be quicker and cheaper, as the person who is hired to be the resource officer would have prior experience in law enforcement, and would have training and experience in using a firearm. I believe this would also be much safer, as teachers with no prior experience operating firearms put the safety of their students and themselves at risk. I think that other states in the union would benefit from programs similar to this, for the same reasons stated above.

Overall, I think this resolution a safe and efficient strategy for preventing school shootings in Hawaii. This is why I am in support of SCR 64 / SR 34.

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Testimony for PSM on 3/21/2018 2:46:00 PM

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Joel Berg	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am dismayed that we protect our politicians, our police, our soldiers, and even individuals refilling ATM's with firearms yet somehow we see it as immoral to protect our children with the same vigor. Today in Maryland a school shooting was stopped without innocent loss of life because of the swift action of an armed school resource officer. Our children deserve better and it is well within our ability to provide for their protection with armed resource officers, more secure facilities, and to allow teachers to conceal carry as they already do in other states.