## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OFFICIAL SCHOOL BUSINESS.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to provide increased
- 2 protection for educational workers to conduct school business by
- 3 establishing the offense of harassment of an educational worker.
- 4 SECTION 2. Chapter 711, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 5 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
- 6 and to read as follows:
- 7 "§711- Harassment of an educational worker. (1) A
- 8 person commits the offense of harassment of an educational
- 9 worker if, with intent to harass, annoy, or alarm an educational
- 10 worker, that person disrupts or interferes with the
- 11 administration or functions of any school, school administration
- office, or school board.
- (2) Harassment of an educational worker is a misdemeanor.
- 14 (3) For the purposes of this section:
- 15 "Educational worker" means any administrator, specialist,
- 16 counselor, teacher, or employee of the department of education
- or an employee of a charter school; a person who is a volunteer,

- 1 as defined in section 90-1, in a school program, activity, or
- 2 function that is established, sanctioned, or approved by the
- 3 department of education; or a person hired by the department of
- 4 education on a contractual basis and engaged in carrying out a
- 5 department of education function.
- 6 "Person" means a person who has reached the age of majority
- 7 and does not include a minor who is enrolled as a student at the
- 8 school in which the offense of harassment of an educational
- 9 worker occurred."
- 10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

## Report Title:

Harassment of an Educational Worker; Misdemeanor

## Description:

Creates a misdemeanor offense under certain circumstances for disrupting or interfering with the administration or functions of any school, school administration office, or school board. (SD1)

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