
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO RESEARCH THE LAWS, ORDINANCES, AND RULES PROHIBITING CONDUCT ON OR NEAR SCHOOL GROUNDS, OR FOR THE GENERAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL, AND TO DISTRIBUTE A SUMMARY OF THOSE LAWS TO STATE AND COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR PUBLIC DISPLAY.

1 WHEREAS, students traveling to, from, and on school
2 campuses face many dangers; and

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4 WHEREAS, the State has enacted many laws specifically to
5 protect students and has established enhanced penalties for some
6 crimes conducted on or near school campuses; and

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8 WHEREAS, many members of the public are unaware of the many
9 laws protecting students; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
13 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the Attorney
14 General is requested to form a task force to research and
15 compile a list of laws applicable to the protection of students;
16 and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the list of laws include laws,
19 ordinances, and rules that:

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21 (1) Specifically prohibit or require actions on school
22 grounds or within a specified distance of a school;
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24 (2) Address offenses under chapter 707, part V, Hawaii
25 Revised Statutes, related to sexual offenses;
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27 (3) Prohibit vandalism;



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(4) Involve traffic violations that could occur near schools;

(5) Prohibit theft; or

(6) Address sitting or lying down in public spaces; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to consist of the following individuals or their designees:

(1) The Attorney General, who shall serve as the chair of the task force;

(2) The Superintendent of Education;

(3) The Chiefs of Police of the county police departments;

(4) The Prosecuting Attorneys of each of the counties;

(5) The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; and

(6) The Mayor's or County Coordinators on Homelessness of each of the counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to invite any other individuals that the task force deems necessary or beneficial to become members of the task force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to draft a school laws summary that:

(1) Summarizes each applicable law in a manner that is easy for members of the public to understand; and

(2) Can be used by first responders and community groups to protect students while they are on or near schools; and



1 by the beginning of the 2024 Regular Session, distribute the
2 school laws summary to state and county offices and make it
3 easily accessible to download from State and county websites;
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that task force members are
7 requested to assist their respective departments in distributing
8 the school laws summary; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
11 develop a separate list or guidance on how to maintain and
12 update the school laws summary; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
15 submit a report on its progress of drafting and distributing the
16 school laws summary and proposed legislation, if any, no later
17 than twenty days before the Regular Session of 2024; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General,
21 Superintendent of Education, Chiefs of Police of the county
22 police departments, Prosecuting Attorneys of each of the
23 counties, and Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness.

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