
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU 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 Legislative
14 Reference Bureau is requested to research and compile a list of
15 laws applicable to the protection of students; and

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

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20 (1) Specifically prohibit or require actions on school
21 grounds or within a specified distance of a school;
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23 (2) Address offenses under chapter 707, part V, Hawaii
24 Revised Statutes, related to sexual offenses;
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26 (3) Prohibit vandalism;
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- 1 (4) Involve traffic violations that could occur near
- 2 schools;
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- 4 (5) Prohibit theft; or
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- 6 (6) Address sitting or lying down in public spaces; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
9 Bureau is requested to draft a school laws summary that:

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- 11 (1) Summarizes each applicable law in a manner that is
- 12 easy for members of the public to understand; and
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- 14 (2) Can be used by first responders and community groups
- 15 to protect students while they are on or near schools;
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18 by the beginning of the 2024 Regular Session, distribute the
19 school laws summary to state and county offices and make it
20 easily accessible to download from State and county websites;
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
24 Bureau is requested to develop a separate list or guidance on
25 how to maintain and update the school laws summary; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
28 Bureau is requested to submit a report on its progress of
29 drafting and distributing the school laws summary and proposed
30 legislation, if any, no later than twenty days before the
31 Regular Session of 2024; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General,
35 Superintendent of Education, Chiefs of Police of the county
36 police departments, Prosecuting Attorneys of each of the
37 counties, and Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness.

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