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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ASSIGN SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS OR GUARDS TO SERVE AT EACH PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND STATE PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, in recent years, several disturbing incidents have  
2 occurred relating to school safety; and

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4 WHEREAS, in March 2018, at Kipapa Elementary School, a boy  
5 reported that a man approached him in a school restroom and  
6 tried to grab his hand; and

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8 WHEREAS, in December 12, 2019, a police manhunt in Waipahu  
9 prompted officials at Waipahu High School and August Ahrens  
10 Elementary School to place those schools on lockdown; and

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12 WHEREAS, on February 27, 2020, following a report of a man  
13 armed with a gun in Ewa Beach, Ilima Intermediate School,  
14 Pohakea Elementary School, Kaimiloa Elementary School, and  
15 Campbell High School initiated a lockdown; and

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17 WHEREAS, elementary school students often lack the capacity  
18 to properly assess and identify the potential dangers posed by  
19 the presence of individuals who are not authorized to be present  
20 on a school's campus; and

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22 WHEREAS, to ensure that those children may learn in safe  
23 environments, the State must act to deter the presence of  
24 unauthorized individuals from those school campuses; now,  
25 therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,  
29 that the Department of Education is requested to assign school  
30 resource officers or guards registered pursuant to Chapter 463,  
31 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to serve at each public elementary  
32 school and state prekindergarten program during hours when  
33 students are expected to be on the school campus; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in determining the number of  
2 officers or guards to be assigned to each public elementary  
3 school or state prekindergarten program, the Department of  
4 Education is requested to consider; and

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6 (1) The size of the school campus;  
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8 (2) The number of students in the school or program; and  
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10 (3) Other factors relevant to student safety; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
13 requested to seek federal grants to the extent necessary to  
14 cover the costs of hiring school resource officers and  
15 registered guards; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
18 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
19 Education and Superintendent of Education.  
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OFFERED BY: Kurt Fevella

