SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH
THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A
JUNIOR POLICE PILOT PROGRAM AT FARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL.

1 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department is suffering from a
2 chronic staffing shortage; and
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4 WHEREAS, as of May 2022, the Honolulu Police Department had
5 1,828 sworn officers and three hundred forty-nine vacancies; and
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7 WHEREAS, worker shortages in the Honolulu Police Department
8 leads to certain police beats understaffed; and
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10 WHEREAS, certain shifts in Department District 1, which
11 includes Downtown Honolulu, Chinatown, and Kakaako, are staffed
12 at only seventy-seven percent of its usual staffing needs; and
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14 WHEREAS, staffing shortages also limit the time police
15 officers have to work with the community, preventing officers
16 from building deep relationships with community members and
17 business owners; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department is highly selective
20 in its recruitment efforts to ensure that only the best, most
21 qualified candidates become police officers that serve and
22 protect local communities; and
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24 WHEREAS, in the last two years, just over five percent of
25 the thousands of applicants who signed up to take the police
26 entrance exam became police recruits; and
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28 WHEREAS, expanding the overall pool of quality applicants
29 through a junior police pilot program at high schools will
30 support the effort of the Honolulu Police Department to select
31 qualified police recruits who meet the Department's high
32 standards; now, therefore,
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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
35 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,

1 that the Department of Education, in collaboration with the
2 Honolulu Police Department, is requested to establish and
3 operate a Junior Police Pilot Program at Farrington High School;
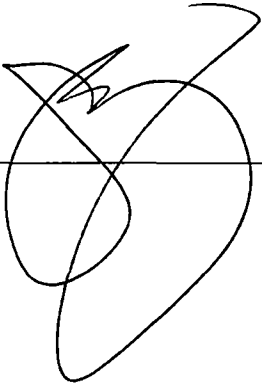4 and
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6   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education,
8 Chief of the Honolulu Police Department, and Principal of
9 Farrington High School.
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OFFERED BY: _____