
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF HAVING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS IN THE STATE AND THE EFFECTS OF HAVING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS ON THE CAMPUSES OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

1 WHEREAS, public schools in the State have been marred by a
2 series of disturbing incidents that have jeopardized the safety
3 and well-being of our children and educators; and

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5 WHEREAS, in November 2022, Waikoloa Elementary and
6 Intermediate School was placed on lockdown due to an armed
7 individual on campus; and

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9 WHEREAS, in October 2023, Waianae High School and Castle
10 High School were forced to cancel a football game due to
11 credible gun threats; and

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13 WHEREAS, in December 2023, Nanakuli High School reported an
14 afterhours armed robbery; and

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16 WHEREAS, in January 2024, Waimanalo Elementary and
17 Intermediate School went on lockdown due to a report about an
18 armed individual on campus; and

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20 WHEREAS, these incidents are not isolated events but
21 represent a growing trend of violence and disruption within the
22 State's public schools; and

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24 WHEREAS, such threats undermine the very foundation of
25 education, creating an atmosphere of fear and anxiety that
26 impedes learning and jeopardizes the future of Hawaii's
27 children; and
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1 WHEREAS, the use of school resource officers in the State
 2 deserves consideration to ensure the protection of young
 3 children in Hawaii; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 6 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 7 Session of 2024, that the Department of Education, in
 8 collaboration with the Department of Law Enforcement, is
 9 requested to conduct a study on the feasibility of having school
 10 resource officers in the State and the effects of having school
 11 resource officers on the campuses of educational institutions;
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
 15 requested to submit a report of its findings and
 16 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
 17 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 18 the Regular Session of 2025; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 21 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
 22 Education, Superintendent of Education, and Director of Law
 23 Enforcement.
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OFFERED BY: 

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