
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the department
2 of law enforcement the resource officers in west Oahu schools
3 pilot program. The department of law enforcement shall work in
4 partnership with the department of education to implement the
5 program.

6 (b) The pilot program shall assign resource officers to
7 high schools within the Campbell-Kapolei complex area to protect
8 students. Resource officers shall be armed in the same manner
9 as a comparable law enforcement officer and authorized to
10 conduct necessary safety protocols.

11 (c) Resource officers assigned under subsection (b) shall
12 be trained for mass-shooting response and de-escalation.

13 (d) The department of law enforcement shall submit a
14 report of its findings and recommendations regarding the
15 resource officers in west Oahu schools pilot program to the
16 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
17 the regular session of 2027. The report shall include:



- 1 (1) The cost of the program;
- 2 (2) The number of resource officers assigned to each
- 3 school;
- 4 (3) The number of incidents addressed by the resource
- 5 officers;
- 6 (4) A recommendation as to whether the pilot program
- 7 should be terminated, amended, extended, or made
- 8 permanent; and
- 9 (5) Any other information deemed relevant by the
- 10 department of law enforcement or department of
- 11 education.
- 12 (e) The pilot program shall cease to exist on June 30,
- 13 2027.

14 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII, of
15 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and
16 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined
17 that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the
18 state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025
19 to be exceeded by \$, or per cent. The reasons
20 for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the

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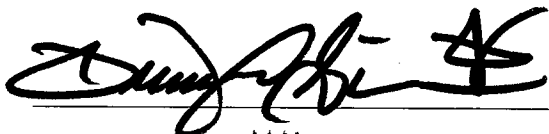
1 appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public
2 interest and to meet the needs provided for by this Act.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
6 establishing the resource officers in west Oahu schools pilot
7 program, training resource officers, and assigning resource
8 officers to high schools within the Campbell-Kapolei complex
9 area.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
11 law enforcement for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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Report Title:

DLE; DOE; Resource Officers; Schools; West Oahu; Pilot Program
Appropriation General Fund Expenditure Ceiling Exceeded

Description:

Establishes a pilot program to place resource officers in West Oahu schools. Appropriation. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.

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