

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1577-24

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01, 2024

RE: H.R. No. 93
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.R. No. 93 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AND SUPPORT SERVICES, TO DEVELOP PROCEDURES THAT WILL EXPEDITE THE HIRING PROCESS FOR SECURITY GUARDS REGULATED UNDER CHAPTER 463, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Office of School Facilities and Support Services, to develop procedures that will expedite the hiring process for security guards regulated under chapter 463, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Private Detectives and Guards.

Your Committee finds that many young people experience nonfatal physical injuries as a result of school violence. Your Committee further finds that there has been an increased incidence of violent events at public schools, which represents a growing trend of violence that jeopardizes the safety and well-being of children and educators in the State.

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Your Committee also finds that security guards, under state law, are a regulated profession subject to licensure, registration, and continuing education requirements. The Department of Education's Office of School Facilities and Support Services has an existing contract ensuring all security guards employed by the Department of Education are compliant with the licensure renewal requirements for private detectives and guards. Your Committee believes that the growing trend of violence at public schools necessitates the need for an increased security presence on public school campuses through an increase in hiring for security guards regulated under State law.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose;
- (2) Urging the Department of Education to also collaborate with the Board of Private Detectives and Guards in developing procedures to expedite the hiring process for security guards; and
- (3) Deleting language that urged the Department of Education to consult with the Board of Private Detectives and Guards to create new job descriptions for security personnel that do not require the applicant to be licensed under chapter 463, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 93, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 93, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,

for Justin H. Woodson
JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



