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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT TO COLLABORATE ON ENSURING SAFETY AT PUBLIC
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND STATE PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM
CAMPUSES.

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

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4 WHEREAS, young children often lack the capacity to properly
5 assess and identify the potential dangers posed by the presence
6 of individuals who are not authorized to be present on a public
7 elementary school or state prekindergarten program's campus; and

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9 WHEREAS, additional security personnel and school resource
10 officer posted at public elementary schools and state
11 prekindergarten programs will improve security and safety on
12 these campuses; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the importance of
15 safety in public elementary schools and state prekindergarten
16 programs to ensure that young children can learn in a safe
17 environment; now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
21 that the Department of Education and Department of Law
22 Enforcement are encouraged to collaborate and enter into a
23 memorandum of understanding for sheriffs to serve at public
24 elementary school and state prekindergarten program campuses
25 within the Campbell-Kapolei complex area; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
28 requested to submit a report of its findings and
29 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
30 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
31 the Regular Sessions of 2027 and 2028; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education and
3 Director of Law Enforcement.

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