#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. **811** 

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENCAMPMENTS.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that encampments, 1 2 including tents, makeshift shelters, and other temporary 3 structures used for habitation, create a complex and pressing 4 problem when close to school grounds. When close to schools, 5 these encampments can threaten the safety, health, and overall 6 well-being of students, school staff, and surrounding 7 communities. Encampments can introduce environmental hazards, 8 obstruct public access, and pose public safety concerns. 9 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the erection, 10 placement, construction, or maintenance of an encampment within 11 one hundred feet from the property line of a K-12 public or 12 private school or school facility. 13 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by 14 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read 15 as follows:

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SCHOOL ENCAMPMENT BUFFER ZONE

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1 -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter: S 2 "Buffer zone" means one hundred feet from the property line 3 of a K-12 public or private school or school facility. 4 "Encampment" means a tent, makeshift shelter, or any other 5 temporary structure used for habitation. 6 S -2 Buffer zone; schools. (a) No person shall erect, 7 place, construct, or maintain an encampment within a buffer zone 8 of a K-12 public or private school or school facility. 9 (b) Any person who violates subsection (a) shall be 10 subject to immediate removal. 11 (c) Nothing in this section shall preclude a person from being charged with a trespassing violation pursuant to chapter 12 13 708 or any other violation. 14 (d) The department of education, charter schools, and 15 private schools may collaborate with law enforcement officers to 16 identify and remove encampments within the buffer zone. 17 (e) Law enforcement personnel enforcing this section shall 18 provide information related to temporary housing and 19 homelessness assistance programs to individuals displaced from 20 encampments." 21 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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#### Report Title:

Encampments; Buffer Zone; Schools; Prohibition

#### Description:

Prohibits the erection, placement, construction, or maintenance of an encampment within one hundred feet from the property line of a K-12 public or private school or school facility.

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