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# HOUSE CONCURRENT 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, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
 8 Education, in collaboration with the Department of Law  
 9 Enforcement, is requested to conduct a study on the feasibility  
 10 of having school resource officers in the State and the effects  
 11 of having school resource officers on the campuses of  
 12 educational institutions; and  
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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 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 22 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, and Director of  
 23 Law Enforcement.  
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OFFERED BY: 

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