

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11, 2025

RE: H.B. No. 627
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 627 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Education for positions to implement and maintain school safety measures.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Department of Education; Hawai'i Fire Department; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that funding is critically needed for school safety measures, including active threat response training, hazardous material disposal contracts, school safety equipment, threat assessment and reporting, and fire safety. Your Committee further finds that state funding for school safety measures is a proactive step to protect schools in the State and ensure that students can focus on learning without fear.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

2025-1437 HB627 HD1 HSCR HMSO



- (1) Changing the amount appropriated and amount of positions to be funded to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$15,800,000 for one targeted violence prevention and threat assessment program manager and one fire safety and security technology program manager to implement and maintain school safety measures.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 627, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 627, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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


JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



