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Sex Abuse Treatment Center

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May 16 2020

To: Senator Michelle Kidani Chair
And members of the Committee on Education

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SR 144 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER OR REGISTERED GUARD AT EACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND STATE PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM.

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations opposes SR 144 urging the Department of Education to provide a school resource officer or registered guard at each elementary school and state prekindergarten program.

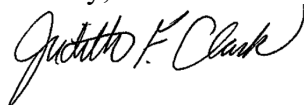
The State of Hawaii has many urgent funding needs related to the COVID-19 crisis. Unemployment has soared to unprecedented levels; hunger is rampant; and children have lost months of effective educational services. At the same time, tax revenues are plummeting.

Placing School Resource Officers in elementary schools and prekindergarten sites is not an urgent need.

Please use our limited funds to support the critical safety net – homelessness, domestic violence, child abuse, child care, hunger.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark
Executive Director

SR-144

Submitted on: 5/16/2020 8:20:16 AM

Testimony for EDU on 5/18/2020 4:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cheryl B.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

JUST NO!

It is proven research that putting an SRO or officer at a school does not improve the safety of students or the community. In another SR, you are looking at the rate of suspensions for various communities, guess what SRO and officers contributions are on this occurrence.

False sense of security and added stressor for too many.

AND NO to allowing educators to carry guns into schools either..