## **SCR61 – SR33**

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROMOTE

INCREASED PARTICIPATION BY SCHOOLS IN THE COMMUNITY

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM.

Report Title: Department of Education; Emergency Management; Community

**Emergency Response Team Program** 

Description:

Measure Title:

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: EDU, PSM

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**Department:** Education

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Title of Resolution: SCR 061 ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO

PROMOTE INCREASED PARTICIPATION BY SCHOOLS IN THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM.

Purpose of Resolution:

## **Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) recognizes the intent of SCR 061 and offers comments.

The federal Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is currently administered by the counties (https://www.honolulu.gov/demvolunteer/cert.html). CERT training is free. Youth ages 14-17 may attend with a parent or legal guardian. Additionally, schools may arrange for CERT training for their students. High schools, including Campbell, Farrington, Kapaa, Roosevelt and Waimea, have participated in the CERT program. This program, fully developed and implemented.

Should this Concurrent Resolution pass, the Department will encourage high schools to continue to arrange CERT training for their students.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 061.