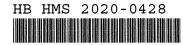
#### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PREVENTING SCHOOL VIOLENCE.

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

1 The legislature finds that there is a threat of SECTION 1. 2 targeted violence against Hawaii schools. Between January 1, 3 2019, and November 19, 2019, forty-five school shootings occurred over forty-six weeks across the United States. 4 The 5 shootings occurred at elementary, middle, and high schools as 6 well as on college and university campuses. Although Hawaii 7 schools have not yet fallen victim to completed acts of mass violence, the State's schools do regularly experience threats of 8 9 shootings and bombings. During the fall of 2019, public K-12 10 schools in Hawaii received more than twenty-five threats about 11 shootings or bombings. Most threats were made via social media; 12 the others were made by handwritten notes, graffiti, or 13 telephone. Although the threats were never carried out, they 14 caused fear and apprehension among students, parents, teachers, 15 and the community.

16 On November 7, 2019, the United States Secret Service17 published "A U.S. Secret Service Analysis of Targeted School



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Violence". This report studied forty-one incidents of targeted 1 school violence that occurred at K-12 schools in the United 2 3 States between 2008 and 2017. Key findings of the study suggest 4 that school violence is preventable. School-based and 5 community-based threat assessment teams can use this knowledge 6 and become trained to determine whether threats are credible or not. These teams may identify persons of concern before they 7 8 commit acts of violence. Furthermore, intervention strategies, 9 including counseling, mentorship, and thorough follow-up, can 10 mitigate the threat to help the person of concern and also 11 prevent serious acts of violence.

12 The legislature further finds that currently, gaps exist in 13 inter-agency coordination, communication, and standardized 14 responses to threats of targeted school violence in Hawaii. 15 There is no statewide database of school threats to help 16 identify copycats; analyze trends; and disseminate information 17 to schools, law enforcement, and other agencies that need to 18 protect students.

19 The purpose of this Act is to help prevent targeted school20 violence in Hawaii by:



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1	(1)	Esta	blishing a pilot program to establish a start-to-	
2		fini	sh response to threats of targeted school	
3		viol	ence; and	
4	(2)	Prov	iding long-term resources to help prevent targeted	
5		scho	ol violence, regardless of how the State chooses	
6		to i	mplement future school violence prevention	
7		stra	tegies.	
8	SECT	ION 2	. (a) There is established within the Hawaii	
9	state fusion center of the office of homeland security,			
10	established by section 128A-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, a pilot			
11	program t	ogram to:		
12	(1)	Esta	blish:	
13		(A)	Interdisciplinary school-level threat assessment	
14			teams at the elementary, middle, and high school	
15			level as well as the college or university level;	
16			and	
17		(B)	A larger-scale interdisciplinary threat	
18			assessment team to which the school-level teams	
19			may refer cases;	
20	(2)	Prov	ide:	



1		(A)	Training for the general public, including
2			students, school personnel, and the community,
3			regarding the prevention of targeted school
4			violence as well as the general concepts of
5			threat assessment and intervention; and
6		(B)	More advanced training for members of threat
7			assessment teams;
8	(3)	Oper	ate threat assessment teams:
9		(A)	To establish procedures for reporting, immediate
10			response, threat assessment, threat management
11			and monitoring, after-action reports, and
12			statewide recordkeeping;
13		(B)	To establish protocols for sharing information
14			across agencies; and
15		(C)	Pursuant to established procedures and protocols;
16	(4)	Coll	ect data on school violence, threats, responses to
17		threats, the operation of threat assessment teams, and	
18		the	resolution of cases; and
19	(5)	Diss	eminate information on copycat threats, trends,
20		and	analyses to the appropriate state and county
21		agen	ncies.



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1	(b)	The pilot program:	
2	(1)	Shall include one elementary school, one middle	
3		school, and one high school from the department of	
4		education that are geographically and socially	
5		related;	
6	(2)	May include one independent school or public charter	
7		school; and	
8	(3)	May include one institution of higher education;	
9		provided that the institution of higher education:	
10		(A) Enrolls a sufficient number of students who	
11		graduated from the high school identified in	
12		paragraph (1); and	
13		(B) Dual-enrolls within its classes many students who	
14		are still attending the high school identified in	
15		paragraph (1).	
16	(c)	No later than twenty days prior to the convening of	
17	the regul	ar sessions of 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024, the Hawaii	
18	state fusion center of the office of homeland security shall		
19	submit to the legislature a report of its findings and		
20	recommendations, including any proposed legislation, concerning		
21	the pilot program.		



1	(d)	Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent		
2	the office of homeland security from using other available			
3	resources to assist educational institutions other than those			
4	identified in subsection (b).			
5	SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general			
6	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so			
7	much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for			
8	the following purposes:			
9	(1)	(1) A statewide anonymous reporting mechanism specifically		
10		designed to collect reports of threats of targeted		
11		school violence;		
12	(2)	A database to collect reports of threats to schools		
13		and school violence that were:		
14		(A) Received by the anonymous reporting mechanism		
15		identified in paragraph (1); or		
16		(B) Collected by law enforcement, educational, and		
17		other agencies;		
18	(3)	Other technological tools to enable analysis of social		
19		media and other data;		



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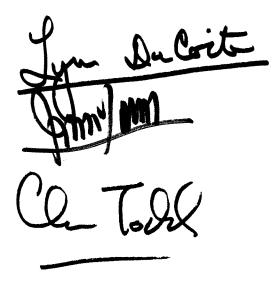
1	(4)	Four full	-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) positions, which
2		shall be	exempt from chapter 76, Hawaii Revised
3		Statutes,	as follows:
4		(A) Thre	e full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) analysts to:
5		(i)	Operate the statewide anonymous reporting
6			mechanism;
7		(ii)	Analyze threats delivered via social media;
8		(iii)	Analyze additional data relevant to school
9			violence; and
10		(iv)	Disseminate information to appropriate
11			agencies in individual cases and
12			periodically inform agencies and the public
13			about copycat threats and trends in school
14			violence; and
15		(B) One	full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program
16		mana	ger to:
17		(i)	Organize outreach and training to the
18			general public and to educational
19			institutions;
20		(ii)	Organize training for school-level and
21			larger-scale threat assessment teams;



1	(iii)	Facilitate larger-scale interdisciplinary
2		threat assessment teams by calling and
3		attending meetings, coordinating efforts
4		among agencies within the team, and keeping
5		records of cases;
6	(iv)	Assist in establishing procedures and
7		protocols for creating and operating threat
8		assessment teams and reporting among various
9		agencies; and
10	(v)	Coordinate efforts with other student-safety
11		programs.
12	The sum approp	riated shall be expended by the department of
13	defense for the pur	poses of this Act.
14	SECTION 4. Th	is Act shall take effect upon its approval;
15	provided that secti	on 3 of this Act shall take effect on July 1,
16	2020; provided furt	her that section 2 of this Act shall be

17 repealed on June 30, 2024.

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School Violence; Prevention; Pilot Program; Appropriations

#### Description:

Establishes a pilot program to prevent targeted school violence. Appropriates funds to the office of homeland security for resources to prevent targeted school violence. Repeals on 6/30/2024.

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