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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, in March 2018 at Kipapa Elementary School, a boy
2 reported that a man approached him in a school restroom and
3 tried to grab his hand; and
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5 WHEREAS, on December 12, 2019, a manhunt in Waipahu
6 prompted officials at Waipahu High School and August Ahrens
7 Elementary School to place those schools on lockdown; and
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9 WHEREAS, on February 27, 2020, following a report of a man
10 armed with a gun in Ewa Beach, Ilima Intermediate School,
11 Pohakea Elementary School, Kaimiloa Elementary School, and
12 Campbell High School initiated a lockdown; and
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14 WHEREAS, some elementary school students may not be old
15 enough to properly assess potential dangers and act accordingly;
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18 WHEREAS, posting dedicated security personnel at elementary
19 schools and public facilities that provide prekindergarten care
20 will help to deter the presence of individuals who do not belong
21 on school campuses, identify potentially dangerous situations,
22 and ensure that children are protected and can learn in a safe
23 environment; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
28 Education is urged to provide a school resource officer or guard
29 registered pursuant to Chapter 463, Hawaii Revised Statutes, at
30 each elementary school and state prekindergarten program during
31 hours when students are expected to be on campus; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
2 urged to provide multiple school resource officers or registered
3 guards at larger elementary schools and prekindergarten
4 programs; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if necessary, the Department
7 of Education is urged to seek federal grants and county funding
8 for the cost of providing school resource officers or registered
9 guards; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
13 Education, Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Mayor of
14 each county.
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OFFERED BY: Kurt Ferrell

