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# SENATE 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,  
27 that the Department of Education is urged to provide a school  
28 resource officer or guard registered pursuant to Chapter 463,  
29 Hawaii Revised Statutes, at each elementary school and state  
30 prekindergarten program during hours when students are expected  
31 to be on campus; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
34 urged to provide multiple school resource officers or registered



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1 guards at larger elementary schools and prekindergarten  
2 programs; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if necessary, the Department  
5 of Education is urged to seek federal grants and county funding  
6 for the cost of providing school resource officers or registered  
7 guards; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education,  
11 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Mayor of each county.

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OFFERED BY: *Kurt Fuelle*

