
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in recent years,
2 several disturbing incidents have occurred relating to school
3 safety. In March 2018 at Kipapa elementary school, a boy
4 reported that a man approached him in a school restroom and
5 tried to grab his hand. On December 12, 2019, a police manhunt
6 in Waipahu prompted officials at Waipahu high school and August
7 Ahrens elementary school to place those schools on lockdown. On
8 February 27, 2020, following a report of a man armed with a gun
9 in Ewa Beach, Ilima intermediate school, Pohakea elementary
10 school, Kaimiloa elementary school, and Campbell high school
11 initiated a lockdown.

12 The legislature further finds that elementary school
13 students often lack the capacity to properly assess and identify
14 the potential dangers posed by the presence of individuals who
15 are not authorized to be present on a school's campus.
16 Accordingly, to ensure that those children can learn in safe



1 environments, the State must take action to deter the presence
2 of unauthorized individuals from those environments.

3 The purpose of this Act is to ensure the protection of
4 young children by assigning dedicated security personnel to
5 serve at public elementary schools and public facilities that
6 provide prekindergarten care.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by adding a new section to part IV, subpart C, to be
9 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

10 **"§302A- School safety; school resource officers;**
11 **guards; school safety and security officers; school security**
12 **attendants.** (a) The department shall assign school resource
13 officers, guards registered pursuant to chapter 463, school
14 safety and security officers, and school security attendants to
15 serve at each public elementary school and state prekindergarten
16 program during hours when students are expected to be on the
17 school campus. In determining the number of officers, guards,
18 safety and security officers, or security attendants that shall
19 be assigned to each public elementary school or state
20 prekindergarten program, the department shall consider:

21 (1) The size of the school campus;



1 (2) The number of students in the school or program; and

2 (3) Other factors relevant to student safety.

3 (b) The department shall seek federal grants to the extent
4 necessary for the costs relating to the hiring of school
5 resource officers, registered guards, school safety and security
6 officers, and school security attendants."

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
10 the provision of school resource officers, guards, school safety
11 and security officers, and school security attendants at public
12 elementary schools and state prekindergarten programs.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
14 education for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

DOE; Schools; Children; Resource Officers; Guards; Safety and Security Officers; Security Attendants; Appropriation

Description:

Requires DOE to assign school resource officers, guards, school safety and security officers, or school security attendants to serve at public elementary schools and state prekindergarten programs. Requires DOE to seek funding from federal grants. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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