
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO RESEARCH THE LAWS, ORDINANCES, AND RULES PROHIBITING CONDUCT ON OR NEAR SCHOOL GROUNDS, OR FOR THE GENERAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL, AND TO DISTRIBUTE A SUMMARY OF THOSE LAWS TO STATE AND COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR PUBLIC DISPLAY.

1 WHEREAS, students traveling to, from, and on school
2 campuses face many dangers; and

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4 WHEREAS, the State has enacted many laws specifically to
5 protect students and has established enhanced penalties for some
6 crimes conducted on or near school campuses; and

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8 WHEREAS, many members of the public are unaware of the many
9 laws protecting students; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
13 Session of 2023, that the Legislative Reference Bureau is
14 requested to research and compile a list of laws applicable to
15 the protection of students; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the list of laws include laws,
18 ordinances, and rules that:

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20 (1) Specifically prohibit or require actions on school
21 grounds or within a specified distance of a school;
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23 (2) Address offenses under chapter 707, part V, Hawaii
24 Revised Statutes, related to sexual offenses;
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26 (3) Prohibit vandalism;
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28 (4) Involve traffic violations that could occur near
29 schools;
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(5) Prohibit theft; or

(6) Address sitting or lying down in public spaces; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to draft a school laws summary that:

(1) Summarizes each applicable law in a manner that is easy for members of the public to understand; and

(2) Can be used by first responders and community groups to protect students while they are on or near schools; and

by the beginning of the 2024 Regular Session, distribute the school laws summary to state and county offices and make it easily accessible to download from State and county websites; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to develop a separate list or guidance on how to maintain and update the school laws summary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to submit a report on its progress of drafting and distributing the school laws summary and proposed legislation, if any, no later than twenty days before the Regular Session of 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General, Superintendent of Education, Chiefs of Police of the county police departments, Prosecuting Attorneys of each of the counties, and Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness.

