HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024 STATE OF HAWAII

H.R. NO. **(28**

HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE STUDENTS, PARENTS, PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS, STAFF, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S BULLYING PROCEDURES.

WHEREAS, students' safety, social-emotional health, and 1 2 well-being continues to be a top priority for the Department of Education; and 3 4 WHEREAS, the Department of Education is committed to 5 6 fostering culturally responsive, supportive, and inclusive 7 learning environments, which includes ongoing bullying 8 prevention efforts; and 9 10 WHEREAS, the Department of Education is guided by explicit discipline and bullying policies outlined in the Civil Rights 11 Policy and Title VIII, chapters 19 and 89, Hawaii Administrative 12 13 Rules; and 14 WHEREAS, these rules and procedures cover various aspects, 15 including definitions, reporting incidents, investigations, 16 disciplinary actions, appeals process, and parent notifications 17 regarding incidents of bullying, harassment, discrimination, and 18 retaliation; and 19 20 WHEREAS, directly informing students, parents, and school 21 staff about the Department of Education's bullying procedures 22 and making these procedures available in forms visible to 23 students, including through the posting of the information in a 24 prominent place on school grounds and at school functions, will 25 help further prevent bullying in public schools in the State; 26 now, therefore, 27 28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 29 30 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, that the Department of Education is requested 31 32 to provide students, parents, principals, teachers, staff, and

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the general public with the Department's bullying procedures; 1 2 and 3 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Department of Education 5 principals, teachers, and staff, are requested to disseminate the Department's bullying procedures to students in various 6 forms, including posting the information in a prominent place at 7 8 school and at school functions; and 9 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of 11 Education and Superintendent of Education. 12 13 14 15 OFFERED BY:

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