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HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AND SUPPORT SERVICES, TO DEVELOP PROCEDURES THAT WILL EXPEDITE THE HIRING PROCESS FOR SECURITY GUARDS REGULATED UNDER CHAPTER 463, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

WHEREAS, all students have a right to learn in a safe 1 school environment; and 2 3 WHEREAS, many young people experience nonfatal physical 4 injuries as a result of school violence, including cuts, 5 6 bruises, broken bones, and head trauma, which may lead to 7 temporary or permanent disability; and 8 WHEREAS, school violence may lead to a wide array of 9 negative health behaviors and outcomes, including alcohol and 10 drug use, suicide, depression, anxiety, and other psychological 11 problems; and 12 13 WHEREAS, there has been an increased incidence of violent 14 events at public schools, which represents a growing trend of 15 16 violence that jeopardizes the safety and well-being of children and educators in the State; and 17 18 19 WHEREAS, this growing trend of violence at public schools necessitates the need for an increased security presence on 20 21 public school campuses; and 22 WHEREAS, security guards, under state law, are a regulated 23 profession subject to licensure, registration, and continuing 24 education requirements; and 25 26 WHEREAS, chapter 463, Hawaii Revised Statutes, outlines the 27 framework for the regulation of private detectives and guards; 28 29 and 30



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WHEREAS, section 463-10.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, 1 establishes standardized training requirements and mandatory 2 criminal background checks to ensure the public's safety; and 3 4 5 WHEREAS, the Department of Education's Office of School Facilities and Support Services has an existing contract 6 ensuring all security guards employed by the Department of 7 Education are compliant with the licensure renewal requirements 8 for private detectives and guards; and 9 10 WHEREAS, the Department of Education has previously 11 consulted with the Board of Private Detectives and Guards 12 regarding the Department's position descriptions and fulfillment 13 of the requirements set forth in chapter 463, Hawaii Revised 14 15 Statutes; now, therefore, 16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 17 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 18 Session of 2024, that the Department of Education, in 19 collaboration with the Office of School Facilities and Support 20 Services, is urged to develop procedures that will expedite the 21 hiring process for security guards regulated under chapter 463, 22 Hawaii Revised Statutes; and 23 24 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is further urged to consult with the Board of Private Detectives 26 and Guards to create new job descriptions for security personnel 27 that do not require the applicant to be licensed under chapter 28 463, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and 29 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 31 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and 32 Consumer Affairs, Superintendent of Education, and Chair of the 33 Board of Private Detectives and Guards. 34 35 36 37 OFFERED BY:

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