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Location: 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution HCR 0193 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
:
CONDUCT A STUDY EVALUATING THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE
JURISDICTION OF ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO INCLUDE A QUARTER-MILE
RADIUS SURROUNDING EACH SCHOOL.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) is providing comments on HCR 193.

The Department believes that the safety of its students is of utmost importance to helping youth learn and thrive. However, conducting a study on expanding the jurisdictional boundaries for each school would be challenging for the Department to accomplish at this time. This would overextend our schools' limited staffing and financial resources.

Hawaii case law (Miller v Yoshimoto, 56 Haw. 333, 1975), stipulates that the Department has a duty to provide reasonable supervision of its students during their required presence at school and immediately after the school day is over. This duty entails general supervision unless specific needs or a dangerous or likely to be dangerous situation calls for specific supervision.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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Submitted on: 3/20/2024 11:20:07 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Veray	Chairman Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As Chairman of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board, I am submitting this testimony as an individual. I am in very strong support of expanding Hawaii school's jurisdiction to allow school officials to intervene and discipline students for their bullying, harrassment, intimidation and retaliation of other students. The schools should hold all students accountable for their negative actions on other students from when they leave home to school and return home. This policy is greatly needed. PLEASE PASS THIS RESOLUTION. Mahalo!

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Submitted on: 3/20/2024 4:00:25 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/21/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lourdes Vergara Marcelo	Lou's Quality Home Health Care Services	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HCR 93 ,Dept of Education to conduct a study evaluating the feasibility to expand the jurisdiction of all school to include quarter mile radius ssurrounding each school.

My 4 Children grduated graduated from public school after our militray tours . I heard of students being bullied , from their lunches being taken away from them to being teased because of the way they looked or becausde of their clothings . All the public schools here in Mililani area does not have any uniforms . So much so that if a students seemed ot be non - conformant ot the , " in ," style of clothing ,taht student was teased or bullied . I heard of students that did not want to go back to school due to bullying or teased. Parents hs to walk to school with them , just ot safe guard them from the bullies. Please pass teh HCR93 to give teh DOE staff authority to intervene if needed , even on a quater mile radius from the school. Thank you. Lourdes Vergara Marcelo,RN

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Submitted on: 3/20/2024 6:55:45 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/21/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rexann Dubiel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please, support this resolution.

As a public school teacher for 36 years on the North Shore of Oahu, I am fully aware of the problem of bullying once students are released from school and hanging around the perimeter of the school zone. My son was one of those bullied students. Bullying leaves lifelong scars.

This buffer would give students the safety zone they need.

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Submitted on: 3/20/2024 7:12:39 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/21/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support this measure to provide decision makers with informed facts to evaluate the need and feasibility of expanding the jurisdiction of all public schools under the Department of Education's purview to include a quarter-mile radius surrounding each public school to intervene and discipline students for actions conducted against other students in situations that would have previously occurred outside their jurisdiction.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Candace Vizcarra	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Praying for GOD's hand over this matter

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Testimony for EDN on 3/21/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel C. Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HCR193 and HR173 ask for a study of possibly extending school authority/jurisdiction over students to one quarter mile surrounding each school. The purpose would be to deter bullying and other undesirable behaviors. Smoking might be one prohibition. If determined to be beneficial, it would allow administrators to intervene and discipline students for actions conducted against other students in situations that would have previously occurred outside their jurisdiction.

Please pass the resolutions.

Mahalo, Dan Smith