

HOUSE CONCURRENT 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 school environment; and

WHEREAS, many young people experience nonfatal physical injuries as a result of school violence, including cuts, bruises, broken bones, and head trauma, which may lead to temporary or permanent disability; and

WHEREAS, school violence may lead to a wide array of negative health behaviors and outcomes, including alcohol and drug use, suicide, depression, anxiety, and other psychological problems; and

WHEREAS, there has been an increased incidence of violent events at public schools, which represents a growing trend of violence that jeopardizes the safety and well-being of children and educators in the State; and

WHEREAS, this growing trend of violence at public schools necessitates the need for an increased security presence on public school campuses; and

WHEREAS, security guards, under state law, are a regulated profession subject to licensure, registration, and continuing education requirements; and

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WHEREAS, chapter 463, Hawaii Revised Statutes, outlines the framework for the regulation of private detectives and guards;

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WHEREAS, section 463-10.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, establishes standardized training requirements and mandatory criminal background checks to ensure the public's safety; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education's Office of School Facilities and Support Services has an existing contract ensuring all security guards employed by the Department of Education are compliant with the licensure renewal requirements for private detectives and guards; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has previously consulted with the Board of Private Detectives and Guards regarding the Department's position descriptions and fulfillment of the requirements set forth in chapter 463, Hawaii Revised Statutes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Office of School Facilities and Support Services, is urged to develop procedures that will expedite the hiring process for security guards regulated under chapter 463, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is further urged to consult with the Board of Private Detectives and Guards to create new job descriptions for security personnel that do not require the applicant to be licensed under chapter 463, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Superintendent of Education, and Chair of the Board of Private Detectives and Guards.

OFFERED BY:

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