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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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.

1 WHEREAS, youth participating in educational and  
2 recreational activities have the right to be free from bullying  
3 and any form of violence; and

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5 WHEREAS, bullying, and the related problems of harassment  
6 and retaliation, inhibit a young person's ability to learn and  
7 an educational or recreational activity provider's ability to  
8 teach students in a safe environment; and

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10 WHEREAS, a safe and civil environment helps youth to learn  
11 and thrive; and

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13 WHEREAS, although students are protected by school staff  
14 while on school grounds and in other areas within a school's  
15 jurisdiction, many students are still being bullied and  
16 assaulted by other students off school grounds; and

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18 WHEREAS, expanding a school's jurisdiction to areas in  
19 close proximity and directly outside of its campus would allow  
20 administrators to intervene and discipline students for actions  
21 conducted against other students in situations that would have  
22 previously occurred outside their jurisdiction; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
26 Session of 2024, that the Department of Education is requested  
27 to conduct a study evaluating the feasibility of expanding the  
28 jurisdiction of all public schools under the Department's  
29 purview to include a quarter-mile radius surrounding each public  
30 school; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
2 requested to submit a report of its findings and  
3 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
4 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
5 the Regular Session of 2025; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
9 Education and Superintendent of Education.

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OFFERED BY:

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