
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL SAFETY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that state funding for
2 school security is essential to ensure the safety and well-being
3 of students, teachers, and staff. By investing in security
4 measures, the State can create safer learning environments that
5 promote academic achievement and reduce anxiety. Ultimately,
6 state funding for school security is a proactive step to protect
7 our schools and ensure that students can focus on learning
8 without fear.

9 The legislature further finds that funding is critically
10 needed for school safety measures, including active threat
11 response training, hazardous material disposal contracts, school
12 safety equipment, threat assessment and reporting, and fire
13 safety.

14 The department of education requires the following
15 positions to implement and maintain school safety measures:

16 (1) Targeted violence prevention and threat assessment
17 program manager, who will:



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- 1 (A) Create and execute the statewide behavior threat
2 assessment and management framework to align with
3 the Hawaii targeted violence prevention strategy
4 and implementation plan and to establish
5 guidelines, protocols, and procedures across all
6 schools; and
- 7 (B) Liaison with the office of homeland security,
8 university of Hawaii, threat team Hawaii,
9 forensic psychology experts, and other
10 organizations; and
- 11 (2) Fire safety and security technology program manager,
12 who will:
- 13 (A) Be responsible for planning, executing, and
14 delivering fire safety and security technological
15 initiatives and programs across the department;
- 16 (B) Ensure schools meet fire safety standards to pass
17 annual fire safety inspections; and
- 18 (C) Assist schools with the installation and
19 maintenance of their fire alarm systems.



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1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
2 department of education for positions to implement and maintain
3 school safety measures.

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$15,800,000 or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
7 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
8 year 2026-2027 for the following positions to implement and
9 maintain school safety measures:

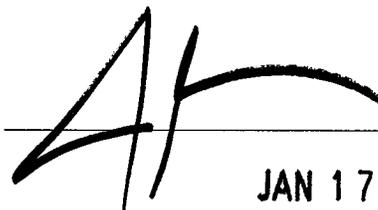
- 10 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) targeted violence
11 prevention and threat assessment program manager; and
12 (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) fire safety and
13 security technology program manager.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
15 of education for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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Report Title:

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Description:

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