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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND HONOLULU POLICE  
DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH JUNIOR POLICE OFFICER PROGRAMS  
THROUGH SCHOOL-POLICE PARTNERSHIPS IN SCHOOLS.

1           WHEREAS, school-police partnerships offer mentorship  
2 opportunities to students, access to role models who are leaders  
3 in the community, and youth safety trainings; and  
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5           WHEREAS, school-police partnerships have existed across the  
6 nation since the late 1900s with programs such as Officer  
7 Friendly, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.), and Gang  
8 Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.); and  
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10           WHEREAS, at the local level, the Honolulu Police Department  
11 operates many community programs including the Citizens Police  
12 Academy, D.A.R.E., Law Enforcement Explorers Program (L.E.E.P.),  
13 and Police Activities League (P.A.L.); and  
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15           WHEREAS, Honolulu Police Department has been administering  
16 D.A.R.E. programs in Hawaii schools since the 1980s; and  
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18           WHEREAS, Honolulu Police Department's L.E.E.P. activities  
19 offer career development, character building, and social  
20 engagement for young adults between fourteen and twenty years  
21 old; and  
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23           WHEREAS, many schools feature Junior Police Officer  
24 programs, under the oversight of the Honolulu Police Department,  
25 that allow students to take a leadership role in their school,  
26 enforce campus safety rules, participate in an annual Field Day  
27 event, and more; and  
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29           WHEREAS, every student on Oahu, regardless of their school  
30 or grade level, should have the opportunity to participate in a



1 Junior Police Officer or similar school-police partnership  
2 program at their school; now, therefore,  
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
6 of 2025, that the Department of Education and the Honolulu  
7 Police Department are urged to establish Junior Police Officer  
8 or similar programs through school-police partnerships in all  
9 Oahu schools; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education,  
13 Chairperson of the Board of Education, Chief of the Honolulu  
14 Police Department, and Chair of the Honolulu Police Commission.  
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