
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP, ADOPT, AND IMPLEMENT A STANDARDIZED EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN GOVERNING IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY AT OR WITHIN ONE THOUSAND FEET OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY AT CERTAIN SCHOOL-RELATED LOCATIONS AND EVENTS.

1 WHEREAS, under long-standing federal policy, the United
2 States Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security
3 designated schools, churches, hospitals, and other sensitive
4 locations as places where immigration enforcement action was
5 prohibited; and

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7 WHEREAS, the presidential administration has weakened or
8 eliminated protections for these sensitive locations,
9 authorizing federal immigration officers to conduct operations
10 in and around schools; and

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12 WHEREAS, the effects of these weakened protections have
13 been felt in Hawaii public schools; and

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15 WHEREAS, there was a recent incident in which a young
16 student at Konawaena Elementary School in Kona was removed from
17 campus by a school official and turned over to federal
18 authorities, ultimately leading to the student's deportation;
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21 WHEREAS, these immigration enforcement actions are contrary
22 to Hawaii's values and lawful due process; and

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24 WHEREAS, schools must serve as safe, stable, and supportive
25 environments for all students; and
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1 WHEREAS, unplanned immigration enforcement activity on or
2 near schools causes fear, disruption to learning, and emotional
3 distress for students and families; and
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5 WHEREAS, while public schools must comply with applicable
6 law, the Department of Education has a responsibility to ensure
7 that school personnel are guided by clear protocols that
8 prioritize student safety and continuity of education; now,
9 therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
13 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education
14 is requested to develop, adopt, and implement a standardized
15 emergency response plan governing immigration enforcement
16 activity at or within one thousand feet of public schools and
17 adopt policies and procedures to address immigration enforcement
18 activity at certain school-related locations and events; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
21 requested to design the emergency response plan to:
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- 23 (1) Protect student safety and emotional well-being;
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- 25 (2) Minimize disruption to the educational environment;
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- 27 (3) Ensure compliance with applicable federal and state
28 law; and
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- 30 (4) Provide clear guidance to school administrators and
31 staff when immigration enforcement activity occurs on
32 or within one thousand feet of school campuses; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the emergency response plan is
35 requested to include but not be limited to the following
36 components:
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- 38 (1) Protocols for federal immigration enforcement
39 presence;
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- 41 (2) Student protection measures;
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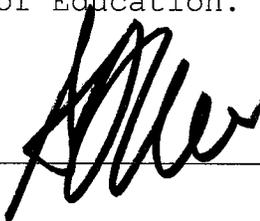
- 1 (3) Parental and guardian communication;
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- 3 (4) Staff training;
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- 5 (5) Coordination with complex areas and relevant state
- 6 agencies; and
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- 8 (6) Periodic review and updates of the emergency response
- 9 plan to reflect changes in law or best practices; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
 12 requested to adopt policies and procedures to address
 13 immigration enforcement activity that may occur:

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- 15 (1) On or within one thousand feet of school campuses;
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- 17 (2) At school-sponsored activities and events; and
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- 19 (3) On school buses and marked or known school bus stops
- 20 during periods when school children are present at the
- 21 stop; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 25 Board of Education and Superintendent of Education.

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