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## HOUSE 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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27           WHEREAS, unplanned immigration enforcement activity on or  
28 near schools causes fear, disruption to learning, and emotional  
29 distress for students and families; and



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2 WHEREAS, while public schools must comply with applicable  
3 law, the Department of Education has a responsibility to ensure  
4 that school personnel are guided by clear protocols that  
5 prioritize student safety and continuity of education; now,  
6 therefore,  
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
9 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
10 of 2026, that the Department of Education is requested to  
11 develop, adopt, and implement a standardized emergency response  
12 plan governing immigration enforcement activity at or within one  
13 thousand feet of public schools and adopt policies and  
14 procedures to address immigration enforcement activity at  
15 certain school-related locations and events; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
18 requested to design the emergency response plan to:  
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- 20 (1) Protect student safety and emotional well-being;  
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22 (2) Minimize disruption to the educational environment;  
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24 (3) Ensure compliance with applicable federal and state  
25 law; and  
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27 (4) Provide clear guidance to school administrators and  
28 staff when immigration enforcement activity occurs on  
29 or within one thousand feet of school campuses; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the emergency response plan is  
32 requested to include but not be limited to the following  
33 components:  
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- 35 (1) Protocols for federal immigration enforcement  
36 presence;  
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38 (2) Student protection measures;  
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40 (3) Parental and guardian communication;  
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42 (4) Staff training;



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(5) Coordination with complex areas and relevant state agencies; and

(6) Periodic review and updates of the emergency response plan to reflect changes in law or best practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is requested to adopt policies and procedures to address immigration enforcement activity that may occur:

(1) On or within one thousand feet of school campuses;

(2) At school-sponsored activities and events; and

(3) On school buses and marked or known school bus stops during periods when school children are present at the stop; and

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

OFFERED BY:



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