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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING FEDERAL FUNDING TO PROVIDE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS  
IN EVERY MIDDLE OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL IN  
THE STATE THAT REQUESTS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.

1           WHEREAS, there have been a number of recent school  
2 shootings reported in the news across the country, including  
3 Parkland, Florida; and Benton, Kentucky; and  
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5           WHEREAS, in Parkland, Florida, a gunman killed seventeen  
6 unsuspecting students and adults at Marjory Stoneman Douglas  
7 High School, and in Benton, Kentucky, a student shot sixteen  
8 students, killing two other students, at Marshall County High  
9 School; and  
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11           WHEREAS, in light of the recent increase in school  
12 violence, it is imperative that federal funding go toward  
13 protecting the students of Hawaii; and  
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15           WHEREAS, a valuable resource to ensuring safer schools  
16 where students can thrive are school resource officers; and  
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18           WHEREAS, a school resource officer is a career law  
19 enforcement officer with sworn authority responsible for safety  
20 and crime prevention in schools; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice Office of  
23 Community Oriented Policing Services offers grants to cities and  
24 counties for creating law enforcement positions, including  
25 school resource officer positions; and  
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27           WHEREAS, in 2016, the United States Departments of  
28 Education and Justice jointly released the Safe, School-based  
29 Enforcement through Collaboration, Understanding, and Respect  
30 Rubrics to help education and law enforcement agencies that use



1 school resource officers to review and revise policies to  
2 improve school safety and better outcomes for students; and  
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4 WHEREAS, school resource officers also have the opportunity  
5 to build trust and gain respect from students by providing  
6 positive police interaction and outreach to students; now,  
7 therefore,  
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the  
11 House of Representatives concurring, that federal funding is  
12 requested to provide school resource officers in every middle or  
13 intermediate school and high school in the State that requests  
14 school resource officers; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to members of Hawaii's  
18 congressional delegation.

