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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT ON HOW MUCH  
FUNDING IS REQUIRED FOR ON-CAMPUS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.

1 WHEREAS, recently, mass shootings at schools have become an  
2 epidemic in America, striking fear into students, parents, and  
3 teachers throughout the country; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the recent school shooting at Marjory Stoneman  
6 Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, is another saddening  
7 event that illustrates how severe school shootings have become  
8 and demonstrates the importance of creating a safe environment  
9 in all educational institutions; and  
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11 WHEREAS, in an attempt to better secure and protect  
12 schools, states have been utilizing local law enforcement  
13 officers by stationing the officers in schools; these officers  
14 have come to be known as school resource officers; and  
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16 WHEREAS, school resource officers are well-trained officers  
17 who are skilled in handling armed weaponry and specifically  
18 stationed in schools to prevent any crime, gang related  
19 activity, and address any issue that could threaten the safety  
20 of the students and faculty; and  
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22 WHEREAS, the school resource officers work with the school  
23 administration and teachers to not only protect students and  
24 faculty, but to also teach topics related to law enforcement  
25 geared toward positive student behavior and act as informal  
26 counselors for students; and  
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28 WHEREAS, in 1999, the federal government established the  
29 "Cops in Schools" grant program that awarded over \$750,000,000  
30 to hire school resource officers throughout the United States;  
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1 WHEREAS, the funding that was provided by the federal  
 2 government to maintain school resource officers has since been  
 3 depleted; and

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 5 WHEREAS, the lack of funding has not prevented other  
 6 counties from providing a safe environment in schools by  
 7 continuing to support school resource officers; and

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 9 WHEREAS, because of the value that the officers had on the  
 10 campuses, schools in the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui  
 11 have maintained school resource officers in certain schools  
 12 despite the lack of federal funding; now, therefore,

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 14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
 15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the  
 16 House of Representatives concurring, that the Honolulu Police  
 17 Department is requested to report on the costs of funding  
 18 on-campus school resource officers, including but not limited to  
 19 manpower, amount of officers necessary, and any other costs  
 20 required for officers to be stationed in intermediate and high  
 21 schools on the island of Oahu and to provide a report to this  
 22 body no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the  
 23 2019 Legislature; and

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 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 27 Board of Education, Superintendent of the Department of  
 28 Education, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Chair of  
 29 the City Council of Honolulu, and Chief of Police of the  
 30 Honolulu Police Department.

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