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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING FEDERAL FUNDING TO PROVIDE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS  
IN EVERY SCHOOL IN HAWAII.

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  
31 school resource officers to review and revise policies to  
32 improve school safety and better outcomes for students; and  
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34           WHEREAS, school resource officers also have the opportunity  
35 to build trust and gain respect from students by providing



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1 positive police interaction and outreach to students; now,  
2 therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018,  
6 that federal funding is requested to provide school resource  
7 officers in every school in Hawaii; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
10 Resolution be transmitted to members of Hawaii's congressional  
11 delegation.  
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