

## RESOLUTION

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URGING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO ASSIGN SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS TO WEST O'AHU PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department ("HPD") Data Dashboard indicates that there has been an alarming increase in incidents of violent crime in certain areas in the City and County of Honolulu ("City"), particularly on the west side of O'ahu, with one precinct reporting an increase of 133 percent in the number of violent crime incidents between 2023 and 2024; and

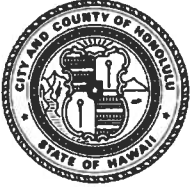
WHEREAS, it has been reported that some of these incidents of violent crime have involved or placed at risk high school age youth, and many residents on the west side of O'ahu are concerned about safety; and

WHEREAS, in addition to increases in violence in neighborhoods and communities, increases in concerning behavior at West O'ahu public high school campuses have been reported; and

WHEREAS, according to HPD service call data for the 2023-2024 school year, West O'ahu public high schools reported significant numbers of incidents requiring a police response, with Wai'anae High School experiencing the highest volume at 308 calls for service, followed by Kapolei High School with 244 calls, James Campbell High School with 165 calls, and Nānākuli High School with 138 calls, demonstrating a critical need for enhanced safety measures and support for West O'ahu public high schools; and

WHEREAS, State Board of Education Policy 305-3 ("Safe Schools") allows the State Department of Education to enter into agreements with government entities to assign law enforcement officers to school campuses as school resource officers in order to ensure a safe and secure learning environment; and

WHEREAS, schools in Kaua'i, Maui, and Hawai'i counties have entered into agreements with their respective county police departments to deploy school resource officers on campuses and have reported a high degree of success and satisfaction with the partnerships; and



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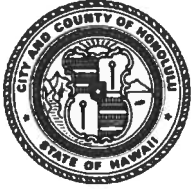
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WHEREAS, school resource officers serve as valuable community liaisons through building positive relationships with students, staff, and families and contributing to the school community by offering mentorship, providing education programs on safety and well-being, and supporting conflict resolution; and

WHEREAS, school resource officers work collaboratively with school administrators, teachers, and parents to create an environment that prioritizes student success and safety by encouraging open communication and trust in order to preempt disputes before they escalate, guide students towards positive choices, and help maintain a secure environment conducive to learning and growth for all members of the school community; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that the use of school resource officers, particularly for West O'ahu public high schools, deserves consideration to ensure the protection of youth in the City; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the Hawai'i State Department of Education to enter into an agreement with the Honolulu Police Department to assign school resource officers to public high schools, including the West O'ahu campuses of Campbell, Kapolei, Nānākuli, and Wai'anae High Schools; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Chief of Police, the Hawai'i State Superintendent of Education, and the Hawai'i State Chairperson of the Board of Education.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**JAN 17 2025**

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Honolulu, Hawai'i

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Councilmembers

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HONOLULU, HAWAII  
CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 01/17/25 By: ANDRIA TUPOLA

Committee: PUBLIC SAFETY & CUSTOMER  
SERVICES (PS)

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SCHOOLS.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

01/17/25	INTRO	Introduced.
02/13/25	PS	Reported out for adoption.  CR-58  5 AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER
02/26/25	CCL	Committee report and Resolution were adopted.  9 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this  
RESOLUTION.



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GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



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TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER