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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. There are many hazardous traffic conditions  
2 that exist at Hawaii's public schools, particularly during the  
3 morning when students are dropped off at school and in the  
4 afternoon when students are picked up from school. These safety  
5 hazards are compounded when egress and ingress at the schools is  
6 slow and frustrating for parents, as well as the faculty and  
7 students who attempt to find parking at the same time. In  
8 instances where students have to walk through a parking lot or  
9 congested areas to get to school, the traffic flow is further  
10 disrupted, resulting in a dangerous traffic environment. Often,  
11 there are not enough school security aides or safety managers to  
12 supervise and control the situation, as they are pressed with  
13 other duties. Moreover, poor planning and uncoordinated efforts  
14 have often hampered attempts to mitigate these traffic hazards.

15           The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
16 education to conduct a traffic study and develop a plan to  
17 decrease hazardous traffic conditions at all public schools.  
18 throughout the State.



1           SECTION 2. The superintendent of education shall undertake  
2 a traffic flow study of hazardous traffic conditions at all  
3 public schools in the State. The study shall include a review  
4 of hazardous conditions relating to parking, drop off areas,  
5 pick up areas, ingress and egress, and pedestrian safety at  
6 schools. The study shall include other factors the department  
7 of education deems appropriate and relevant to decrease safety  
8 hazards, with regard to individual schools, such as:

- 9           (1) Surrounding communities affected by the school;
- 10          (2) Population densities and growth of those communities;
- 11          (3) Existing patterns and trends in traffic flows and  
12             densities;
- 13          (4) Peak capacities of surrounding roads and feeder  
14             highways around the affected school; and
- 15          (5) Any other factors the superintendent deems relevant.

16           The study shall include the recommendations and input of  
17 concerned neighbors, parents, faculty, and students. The  
18 superintendent shall submit a written report of findings and  
19 recommendations to the governor and legislature no later than  
20 December 31, 2006, including any necessary proposed legislation  
21 to implement the study's recommendations.



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so  
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for  
 4 a comprehensive study of hazardous traffic conditions near all  
 5 of Hawaii's public schools and to develop a plan to decrease  
 6 traffic safety hazards.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
 8 education for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval,  
 10 provided that section 2 shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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**Report Title:**

Traffic Study; Schools; School Safety

**Description:**

Requires the department of education to conduct a traffic flow study of hazardous traffic conditions at Hawaii public schools and develop a safety plan. Appropriates funds.

