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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO APPLY FOR  
APPORTIONED FEDERAL FUNDING TO ESTABLISH A SAFE ROUTES TO  
SCHOOL PROGRAM IN HAWAII AND TO RECRUIT AND HIRE A FULL-  
TIME COORDINATOR FOR THE PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School program was established  
2 under the federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient,  
3 Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, in order to:

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- 5           (1) Enable and encourage children, including those with  
6           disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;  
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- 8           (2) Make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more  
9           appealing transportation alternative, thereby  
10           encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an  
11           early age; and
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- 13           (3) Facilitate the planning, development, and  
14           implementation of projects and activities that will  
15           improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption,  
16           and air pollution in the vicinity of schools; and

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18           WHEREAS, the federal share of the Safe Routes to School  
19 program is one hundred per cent; and

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21           WHEREAS, a total of \$100,000,000 in federal funds is  
22 available in 2006 to be apportioned among the states to  
23 implement Safe Routes to School programs according to the  
24 proportion of a state's total student enrollment in primary and  
25 middle schools to the total student enrollment in all states,  
26 but not less than \$2,000,000 for a fiscal year; and

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28           WHEREAS, available federal funding to the states for the  
29 Safe Routes to School program will escalate from \$125,000,000 in  
30 2007 to \$183,000,000 in 2009; and

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32           WHEREAS, these federal funds may be used for the planning,  
33 design, and construction of infrastructure-related projects that



1 will substantially improve the ability of students to walk and  
2 bicycle to school, including:

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- 4 (1) Sidewalk improvements;
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- 6 (2) Traffic calming and speed reduction improvements;
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- 8 (3) Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements;
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- 10 (4) On-street bicycle facilities;
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- 12 (5) Off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities;
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- 14 (6) Secure bicycle parking facilities; and
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- 16 (7) Traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of  
17 schools; and

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19 WHEREAS, federal funds may also be used for non-  
20 infrastructure-related activities to encourage walking and  
21 bicycling to school, including:

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- 23 (1) Public awareness campaigns and outreach to press and  
24 community leaders;
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- 26 (2) Traffic education and enforcement in the vicinity of  
27 schools;
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- 29 (3) Student sessions on bicycling and pedestrian safety,  
30 health, and environment; and
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- 32 (4) Training, volunteers, and managers of Safe Routes to  
33 School programs; and
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35 WHEREAS, each state receiving apportioned federal funding  
36 is required to use a sufficient amount of its grant to fund a  
37 full-time coordinator position for a state's Safe Routes to  
38 School program, thus providing a central point of contact for a  
39 successful program; now, therefore,

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41 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
42 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
43 of 2006, that the Department of Transportation is encouraged to  
44 apply for apportioned federal funding to establish a Safe Routes



1 to School program in Hawaii and to recruit and hire a full-time  
2 coordinator for the program; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
5 Transportation is requested to report to the Legislature the  
6 progress of its application for federal funding to establish a  
7 Safe Routes to School program in Hawaii and of its recruitment  
8 and hiring of a full-time coordinator for the program no later  
9 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
10 of 2007; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
13 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation, the  
14 Superintendent of Education, and Chairperson of the Board of  
15 Education.  
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