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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a need in  
2 the state for greater emphasis on pedestrian and bicycle safety.  
3 Establishing routes to school along which children may safely  
4 walk and bicycle is especially important. The safe routes to  
5 school program is designed to encourage and enable more children  
6 to safely walk and bicycle to school, and the program has been  
7 effectively used in other states. Communities that participate  
8 in the program tailor a combination of engineering, enforcement,  
9 education, and encouragement strategies to address the specific  
10 needs of their schools.

11           The purpose of this Act is to:

- 12           (1) Establish a bicycle and pedestrian safety program; and  
13           (2) Form an advisory committee within the department of  
14           transportation to study ways to implement the safe  
15           routes to school program, which has been effectively  
16           used in other states.



1 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by  
2 adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read  
3 as follows:

4 "§ - Bicycle and pedestrian safety program. (a) The  
5 department of transportation shall establish and maintain a  
6 bicycle and pedestrian safety program for adults and children.

7 (b) The program shall:

8 (1) Provide education to bicyclists and pedestrians  
9 concerning applicable laws;

10 (2) Provide safety education and training; and

11 (3) Provide information on the locations throughout the  
12 state of walking paths, bicycle paths, and roadways  
13 equipped with bicycle lanes."

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to  
17 establish a bicycle and pedestrian safety program.

18 SECTION 4. (a) There is established within the department  
19 of transportation a temporary advisory committee to study ways  
20 to adopt and implement the safe routes to school program in  
21 communities in Hawaii.



1 (b) The temporary advisory committee shall include members  
2 as follows:

3 (1) The director of transportation or the director's  
4 designee;

5 (2) The state coordinator of the safe routes to school  
6 program;

7 (3) The superintendent of education or the  
8 superintendent's designee; and

9 (4) Four members of the public representing the community,  
10 to be appointed as follows:

11 (A) One each from Kauai and Hawaii, appointed by the  
12 president of the senate; and

13 (B) One each from Maui and Oahu, appointed by the  
14 speaker of the house of representatives.

15 (c) The temporary advisory committee shall explore ways to  
16 implement and administer effectively the safe routes to school  
17 program in communities in Hawaii, including reviewing models  
18 used in other jurisdictions.

19 (d) The members of the temporary advisory committee shall  
20 select the chairperson of the committee and shall serve without  
21 compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses,



1 including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of  
2 their duties.

3 (e) The temporary advisory committee shall submit its  
4 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
5 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
6 the 2009 regular session.

7 (f) The temporary advisory committee shall cease to exist  
8 on June 30, 2009.

9 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the  
12 temporary advisory committee to conduct research on ways to  
13 implement the safe routes to school program, coordinate support  
14 services, and reimburse expenses for members.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
16 transportation for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



**Report Title:**

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety; Safe Routes to School Program

**Description:**

Establishes an advisory committee within the Department of Transportation to implement the Safe Routes to School Program and a Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program for adults and children. (HB1823 HD1)

