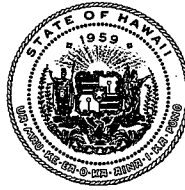


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**TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**SENATE BILL No. 2019**

**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**  
**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

We support this bill but with concerns.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports the intent of this bill to improve pedestrian safety. The DOT has jurisdiction over higher speed corridor highways. However, access to elementary schools, especially on Oahu, is typically from county roads. The DOT does not have nor should we have the statutory authority to install speed tables or other roadway improvements on county roads.

We also have concerns that speed tables will lead to hazardous conditions on higher speed state roads. Speed tables are appropriate for low speed roads, but will create safety issues for motorists and increase congestion on higher speed highways. We have concerns if we are required to install speed tables along some of our 55 mph highways, as unintended safety hazards would be created as a result of this action.

**Date:** 02/11/2008

**Committee:** Senate Transportation and  
International Affairs; Senate Education

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 2019 RELATING TO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

**Purpose of Bill:** Appropriates funds to the department of transportation for a pilot study to identify elementary schools experiencing a high volume of accidents and to evaluate the installation of speed tables as a way to improve pedestrian safety.

**Department's Position:** The Department of Education strongly supports Senate Bill 2019. The Department is very concerned about the pedestrian safety of our students traveling to and from school. We will work with the Department of Transportation and the City and County of Honolulu Police Department to identify the five pilot schools who meet the pilot study selection criteria. We defer to the Department of Transportation, as the expending agency, to the funding priority of this measure.