

HB 983

Date: 04/02/2009

Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0983,HD1, SD1(SSCR 1061) RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Requires the Director of Transportation to conduct a statewide pupil travel evaluation to study how students get to school and use the information obtained from the evaluation to provide Safe Routes to School program funds for school-based workshops and community-based planning projects that will reduce vehicular travel and congestion, encourage walking and bicycling, and promote health and safety. Requires the Director to develop a streamlined process for the federal Safe Routes to School grant program

Department's Position: The Department of Education defers to the Department of Transportation regarding this bill. The Department of Education is already working with the Department of Transportation to conduct pupil travel evaluations at select schools. The Department will continue to give its full support and cooperation to the Department of Transportation.

TO: Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Shan Tsutsui, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Tuesday, March 31, 2009

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HEARING: 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 2, 2009

SUBJECT: HB 983, HD1, SD1 - Relating to Education (Safe Routes to School) **Support**

Aloha Senators,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on HB 983, HD1, SD1. For the past several years, I have been advocating for bicycle safety in Hawaii. I started the first, and as far as I know only, Bike and Walking School Buses on Oahu.

SR2S is a great program which will result in many benefits to children and society in general. I urge you to support this bill.

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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 983, H.D.1, S.D.1

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

We support this bill.

The Department of Transportation will continue its efforts in the federal Safe Routes to School program and appreciate the support of our elected officials.