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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ASSIST SCHOOLS TO  
ESTABLISH WALK + BIKE SCHOOL BUS PROGRAMS STATEWIDE.

1           WHEREAS, a Walk + Bike School Bus is a group of students  
2 supervised by adult parents or volunteers who walk, bike,  
3 scooter, skateboard, rollerblade, wheelchair or even unicycle to  
4 and from school; and  
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6           WHEREAS, a Walk + Bike School Bus is an alternative  
7 transportation option for getting children to and from school in  
8 a safe and physically active manner; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the Walk + Bike School Bus travels along a  
11 predetermined route with bus stops predetermined by the group  
12 and tailored to each neighborhood situation, picking up  
13 participants along the way;  
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15           WHEREAS, the children walk in pairs and wear safety vests  
16 for visibility. Ideally there is a "driver" who leads the Walk  
17 + Bike School Bus and a "conductor" at the rear. The larger the  
18 Bus, the more volunteers are needed. A common ratio is four to  
19 eight children per adult; and  
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21           WHEREAS, a Walk + Bike School Bus can operate as many days  
22 a week as there are parents or volunteers who are willing to  
23 lead it and is free for everyone to use as a safe means to  
24 travel to and from school; and  
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26           WHEREAS, a Walk + Bike School Bus promotes physical  
27 activity, reduces traffic congestion and air pollution, improves  
28 traffic safety, and strengthens communities; now, therefore,  
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30           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
31 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
32 of 2010, that the Department of Education is requested to assist  
33 schools to establish Walk + Bike School Bus programs statewide;  
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