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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 291, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 **"§291- Safe routes to school program surcharge.** (a) In  
5 addition to any other civil penalties ordered by the court, a  
6 person who violates any offense under this part shall be ordered  
7 to pay a safe routes to school program surcharge of \$10.

8 (b) The person shall pay the surcharge to the clerk of the  
9 court. The surcharge shall be deposited with the director of  
10 finance who shall credit the surcharge to the safe routes to  
11 school program special fund established under section 291C-B."

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding three new sections to be appropriately  
14 designated and to read as follows:

15 **"§291C-A State and county safe routes to school programs;**  
16 **coordinators; grants; reports.** (a) There is established,  
17 within the department of transportation, a safe routes to school  
18 program that shall, among other things, enhance traffic safety



1 around Hawaii's schools, enable and encourage children to walk  
2 and bicycle to school, and make bicycling and walking to school  
3 a safer and more appealing transportation alternative.

4 (b) There is created, within the department of  
5 transportation, the position of safe routes to school program  
6 coordinator. The safe routes to school program coordinator  
7 shall provide a central point of contact for the federal safe  
8 routes to school program.

9 (c) A county designated office, through the county safe  
10 routes to school program coordinator, and in consultation with  
11 the department of education, department of health, and Hawaii  
12 Association of Independent Schools, shall provide safe routes to  
13 school funds for school-based and community-based workshops and  
14 infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects that will reduce  
15 vehicular traffic and congestion, encourage walking and  
16 bicycling, and promote health and safety around Hawaii's  
17 schools.

18 (d) The director of transportation, through the safe  
19 routes to school program coordinator and in consultation with  
20 county safe routes to school program coordinators, shall develop  
21 a mechanism to provide funds to county safe routes to school  
22 programs from the safe routes to school program special fund



1 established under section 291C-B to be used for the  
2 implementation of county safe routes to school program projects.

3 (e) Implementation of the county safe routes to school  
4 program shall take into consideration the need to:

5 (1) Fill a permanent, full-time position of safe routes to  
6 school coordinator within the county designated  
7 office;

8 (2) Maximize the participation of school officials and  
9 stakeholder groups in the community;

10 (3) Work in conjunction with county designated safe routes  
11 to school stakeholders and train volunteer  
12 facilitators for school-based workshops and community-  
13 based projects, including flexible training schedules;

14 (4) Train potential grant requestors and stakeholder  
15 groups in federal and state requirements necessary for  
16 procurement, contracts, design, and construction; and

17 (5) Allocate not less than ten per cent and not more than  
18 thirty per cent of safe routes to school funds for  
19 non-infrastructure-related activities or activities to  
20 encourage walking and bicycling to school, public  
21 awareness campaigns, student sessions on bicycle and  
22 pedestrian safety, or other non-infrastructure



1 activities as prescribed under section 1404 of the  
2 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient  
3 Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, Public  
4 Law No. 109-59.

5 (f) Each grant proposal in the county safe routes to  
6 school program shall:

7 (1) Identify the modes of travel used by students to get  
8 to school;

9 (2) Determine the number of students using each mode of  
10 travel;

11 (3) Survey the parents of each student to gather  
12 information regarding the factors involved in the  
13 choice of transportation mode for the student and,  
14 where the student travels by automobile or bus,  
15 conditions that would need to change for the parent to  
16 permit the student to walk or ride a bicycle to  
17 school, and obstacles to walking and biking; and

18 (4) Identify traffic infrastructure elements in the  
19 immediate vicinity of each school, including multi-  
20 lane roadways, speed limits, and traffic calming  
21 features that, either by their presence or absence,



1           contribute to the use of automobiles as a student's  
2           mode of travel to school.

3           (g) The director of transportation, in consultation with  
4           organizations that have received non-infrastructure and pending  
5           infrastructure grants, shall develop a streamlined process for  
6           the safe routes to school program that meets federal and state  
7           requirements, simplifies the application process, and expedites  
8           release of funding after completion of school-based and  
9           community-based projects for infrastructure and non-  
10          infrastructure.

11          (h) The director of transportation shall submit to the  
12          legislature an annual report of the status and progress of the  
13          safe routes to school program, including an accounting of all  
14          grants provided through the program and a timeline for future  
15          grant awards, no later than twenty days prior to the convening  
16          of each regular session.

17          (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed as  
18          requiring actions or omissions that would render the State  
19          ineligible to receive funds for the safe routes to school  
20          program under the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible,  
21          Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, Public  
22          Law No. 109-59.



1           **§291C-B Safe routes to school program special fund;**  
2 **establishment.** (a) There is established in the state treasury  
3 the safe routes to school program special fund, into which shall  
4 be deposited:

5           (1) Assessments collected for speeding in a school zone,  
6           pursuant to section 291C-104; and

7           (2) Safe routes to school program surcharges collected in  
8           accordance with sections 291-        and 291C-C.

9 Moneys in the fund shall be distributed by the director of  
10 transportation to the respective counties to expend.

11           (b) The director of transportation shall adopt rules  
12 pursuant to chapter 91 to implement this section. The rules  
13 shall establish a formula by which the moneys in the fund shall  
14 be distributed to each county and provide how the county shall  
15 expend the moneys for the purposes under 291C-A in public school  
16 zones.

17           **§291C-C Safe routes to school program surcharge.** (a) In  
18 addition to any other civil penalties ordered by the court, a  
19 person who violates any offense under part X shall be ordered to  
20 pay a safe routes to school program surcharge of \$10 if the  
21 violation is not already required to pay a safe routes to school  
22 program surcharge pursuant to the violation of the offense.



1        (b) The person shall pay the surcharge to the clerk of the  
2 court. The surcharge shall be deposited with the director of  
3 finance who shall transmit the surcharge to the safe routes to  
4 school program special fund established under section 291C-B."

5        SECTION 3. Section 291C-104, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

7        "(c) Any person who violates this section shall be fined  
8 \$250 [~~and~~], may be charged with a surcharge of up to \$100 to be  
9 deposited into the trauma system special fund[-], and, where the  
10 violation involves speeding in a school zone, shall be charged  
11 with a surcharge of \$25 to be deposited into the safe routes to  
12 school program special fund."

13        SECTION 4. In codifying the new sections added by section  
14 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute  
15 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating  
16 the new sections in this Act.

17        SECTION 5. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
18 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
19 begun before its effective date.

20        SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

22        SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



**Report Title:**

Safe Routes to School Program; Special Fund; Surcharge

**Description:**

Permanently establishes the safe routes to school program within the department of transportation. Establishes a safe routes to school program special fund. Assesses a surcharge of \$25 for violations of speeding in a school zone and a \$10 surcharge on various traffic violations and deposits these surcharges into the safe routes to school program special fund. Effective July 1, 2030. (SD1)

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