

HB2626 HD2

Relating to Safe Routes
to School

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TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION AND
TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2626, H.D. 2

March 16, 2012

RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

House Bill No. 2626, H.D. 2, establishes the Safe Routes to School Program within the Department of Transportation to enhance traffic safety around Hawaii's schools. A Program Coordinator position will be established within the Department of Transportation that, along with the Director, will be tasked with the overall coordination of the program including maximizing the participation of stakeholders, and training volunteer workshop facilitators and potential grant requestors. Proceeds from fine surcharges resulting from traffic violations related to the operation of motor vehicles and to speeding in school zones are to be deposited into a new Safe Routes to School Program special fund and distributed by the Director of Transportation to the counties. Not less than 10 percent and not more than 30 percent of the funds shall be used for non-infrastructure related activities.

The Department of Budget and Finance takes no position on creation of the Safe Routes to School Program. However, as a matter of general financial policy, the department does not support the creation of any special fund which does not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Special or revolving funds should: 1) reflect a clear nexus between benefits sought and charges made upon the

users or beneficiaries of the program; 2) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 3) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. In regards to House Bill No. 2626, H.D. 2, it is difficult to determine whether the new fund will be self-sustaining or that there is a clear nexus between benefits sought and charges made upon the driving public. It should be also noted that this bill does not contain any appropriation for the new special fund.

I encourage the Legislature to scrutinize the fiscal and operational plan for this program to ensure that it does conform to the requirements of Section 37-52.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Date: 03/16/2012

Committee: Senate Education/Senate
Transportation and International Affairs

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 2626,HD2(hscr759-12) RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO
SCHOOL

Purpose of Bill: Permanently establishes the Safe Routes to School Program within the Department of Transportation. Establishes a Safe Routes to School 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 Special Fund. Deposits federal Safe Routes to School Program moneys into the Safe Routes to School Special Fund. Effective July 1, 2012.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education supports this bill. This Safe Routes to School program will benefit the Department's schools with programs and funds to promote the health and safety of school children.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
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HB2626 HD2, RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health
March 16, 2012
1:15PM, Auditorium

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports this measure as long as it does not
2 have a negative impact on the Department's Supplemental Budget appropriation request.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** The measure establishes a Safe Route to School program special fund from
4 surcharges through traffic violations. Moneys in the fund are to be distributed by the director of
5 transportation to the respective counties to expend.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of House Bill 2626 HD2 is to establish a Safe Routes to
7 School (SRTS) program and special fund within the Department of Transportation (DOT). The bill
8 proposes to assess a surcharge of \$25 for violations of speeding in a school zone and a surcharge of \$10
9 on various traffic violations, and the money collected will be deposited into a SRTS program special
10 fund. The DOT is required to develop a mechanism to fund county SRTS programs from special fund.
11 The purpose of the SRTS program includes enhancing "traffic safety around Hawaii's schools, enabling
12 and encouraging children to walk and bicycle to school, and to make bicycling and walking to school a

1 safer and more appealing transportation alternative through the federal SRTS program” (page 1, lines 15
2 to 18, and page 2, lines 1 to 4).

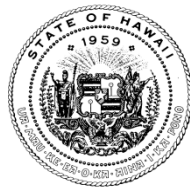
3 According to the 2011 Hawaii Safety and Wellness Survey, thirty-eight schools (14.9% of public
4 schools) have SRTS programs. Current programs have been successful in increasing the numbers of
5 children walking and biking to school and some programs have started assessing infrastructure changes.
6 This bill would create a sustainable means for generating revenue for funding this important program
7 and will help to increase and build upon SRTS efforts throughout our state. Since, Hawaii school-aged
8 (5 to 18 years of age) residents have the highest rates of pedestrian injuries requiring hospital treatment
9 or death, the program and funding will help address the coordination, education, and infrastructure
10 development needs to improve pedestrian safety around schools.

11 Should this bill be enacted the DOH looks forward to consulting with the county designated
12 offices and county safe routes to school coordinators on SRTS projects (per page 2, lines 10 to 18). The
13 SRTS program is a built environment strategy in the comprehensive public health plan to address
14 childhood obesity prevention and to decrease pedestrian injury.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2626 H.D. 2
RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

SENATE COMMITTEE(s) ON EDUCATION and
TRANSPORTATION & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Department of Transportation supports HB 2626 HD 2. HB 2626 HD 2 will provide Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funds to the Counties where under their roadway jurisdiction most school routes are located. These funds will not have to comply with Federal requirements thereby streamlining the completions of SRTS projects and facilitating the achievement of SRTS program goals and objectives.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



March 15, 2012

Senator Tokuda, Chair EDU
Senator Kidani, Vice Chair EDU
Senator English, Chair TIA
Senator Espero, Vice Chair TIA

Dear Committee Chairs Tokuda and English and Members of the Education and Transportation Committees,

Subject: **Support for HB 2626**

The State Highway Safety Council supports HB 2626, which permanently establishes the Safe Routes to School Program within the Department of Transportation.

Hawaii school-aged (5 to 18 years of age) residents have the highest rates of pedestrian injuries requiring hospital treatment or death, which is why it is important to create a safe and integral transportation system for a large and valuable demographic of Hawaii's population.¹ This bill addresses both the issue of safety while incorporating a sustainable funding source through surcharges from traffic violations. Ultimately this could alleviate the pressure for the state to depend on volatile federal funds for the SRTS program. This bill also addresses 4 key strategies listed under the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area in the Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) 2007-2012 which are focused on the SHSP mission of reducing the number and severity of traffic related injuries and deaths on Hawaii's roadways.²

The State Highway Safety Council (SHSC) advises the DOT on matters relating to the programs and activities of the State in the field of highway safety. SHSC members include representatives from public, private, and all four counties.

Thank you for allowing us to testify.

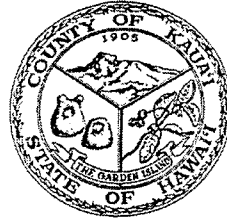
Sincerely,

State Highway Safety Council

¹ 2006-2010 Hawaii Hospital Information Corporation, Compiled By Hawaii DOH EMS&IPSB.

² 2007-2012 Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Page 19, strategies 4.10, 4.11, 4.13 & 4.15; Hawaii Department of Transportation.

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Committee on Education; Chair
Hawaii State Capitol, Auditorium
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

March 13, 2012

RE: Support of HB2626 HD2
Friday, March 16, 2012
1:15 P.M.

Dear Senator English and Senator Tokuda:

My name is Lyle Tabata and I am the Deputy County Engineer for the County of Kaua'i. I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 – HD2. This bill (HB2626 HD2) is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

This bill is critically important for advancing opportunities for safe physical activity and addressing the obesity epidemic here in Hawaii. Funds would be generated to support traffic safety improvements and education, through a modest surcharge on moving traffic violations. With the additional surcharge ranging only from \$10-25, depending on the location of the infraction, this provides a sustainable means for generating revenue for this need, without taking Hawaii general funds away from other needed programs.

I encourage all of you to pass this measure and its intent to create safer places for our children to bike and walk. If we make these changes for our children, we essential create communities where we can all be safer, healthier and live a better quality of life.

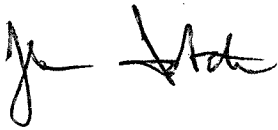
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I respectfully ask for you to vote in favor of HB2626 HD2.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our keiki here in Hawaii.

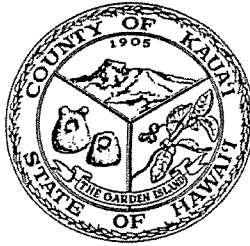
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyle Tabata". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and a distinct "T".

Lyle Tabata
Deputy County Engineer

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March 14, 2012

**TESTIMONY OF JOANN A. YUKIMURA
COUNCIL VICE CHAIR, KAUA'I COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

**H.B. NO. 2626, H.D. 2, RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
Committee on Education
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Friday, March 16, 2012
1:15 P.M.
Auditorium**

Dear Chair Tokuda, Chair English, and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 2, relating to Safe Routes to School. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as an individual member of the Kaua'i County Council and the Chair of the Housing/Transportation/Energy Conservation & Efficiency Committee.

H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 2, is perfectly aligned with a goal we all share: creating communities in which our children can grow up in safety and good health. This bill would impose a surcharge penalty on speeding in a school zone and on other traffic violations, and creates a special fund for increasing the safety of routes to school.

Making it safe for our children to walk and bike to school will increase their physical and mental fitness, provide an antidote to childhood obesity, establish good habits that will keep them healthy into adulthood, reduce the congestion and risk of school traffic, lower greenhouse gases, and reduce the use of fossil fuels. It is not often that a proposal will help to achieve so many of our State and County goals.

For the reasons stated above, I am in strong support of H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 2, and ask for your favorable support in doing what's best for our keiki.

Mahalo nui loa for your service and for this opportunity to submit testimony.

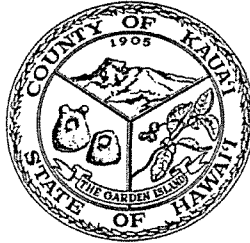
Sincerely,

JOANN A. YUKIMURA
Council Vice Chair, Kaua'i County Council

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**TESTIMONY OF TIM BYNUM
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

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Committee on Education
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
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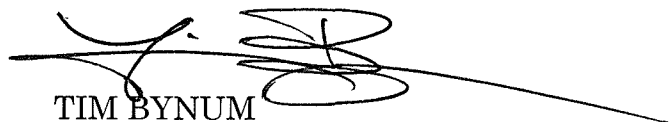
H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 2, permanently establishes a Safe Routes to School Program, as well as a Safe Routes to School Special Fund that assesses a modest surcharge of \$25 for speeding in a school zone and a \$10 surcharge for various traffic violations. These funds will be deposited into the Safe Routes to School Special Fund on each island.

The Safe Routes to School Program and Special Fund would be designed to improve and promote the safety, health, and mobility of children by creating and moving forward opportunities to further develop safe routes for children to walk or bike to school, and encourages physical activity which will also address the obesity epidemic in Hawai'i. Funds collected for the Special Fund would support traffic safety education and improvements, and provide a sustainable means for generating revenue for this need, without taking funds away from other needed programs.

For the reasons stated above, I am in strong support of H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 2 and ask for your favorable support.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,



TIM BYNUM
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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Committee on Transportation and International Affairs; Chair

Senator Jill N. Tokuda

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March 13, 2012

RE: Testimony in **Support** of HB2626 HD2

Friday, March 16, 2012

1:15 P.M.

Dear Senator English and Senator Tokuda:

My name is Luana Bass and I am submitting testimony on behalf of the State Nutrition & Physical Coalition Project (NPAC). The Project is in full support of HB2626 – HD2. This bill (HB2626 HD2) is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

This bill is critically important for advancing opportunities for safe physical activity and addressing the obesity epidemic here in Hawaii. These special funds would be generated to support traffic safety improvements and education, through a modest surcharge on moving traffic violations. The additional surcharge ranging only from \$10-25, depending on the location of the infraction, provides a sustainable means for generating revenue for this need, without taking Hawaii general funds away from other needed programs.

Please vote in favor of HB2626 HD2. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our Keiki here in Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,

State Nutrition & Physical Activity Coalition
A project of the Healthy Hawaii Initiative



Get Fit Kauai
NPAC: Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition of Kauai
University of Hawaii at Manoa
A project of the Healthy Hawaii Initiative; State Department of Health
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March 13, 2012

RE: Support of HB2626 HD2
Friday, March 16, 2012
1:15 P.M.

Dear Senator English and Senator Tokuda:

My name is Bev Brody and I am the Coordinator for the Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition of Kauai County (Get Fit Kauai). I am writing on behalf our 281 members to express our full support of HB2626 – HD2. This bill (HB2626 HD2) is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

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We encourage all of you to pass this measure and its intent to create safer places for our children to bike and walk. If we make these changes for our children, we essential create communities where we can all be safer, healthier and live a better quality of life.

We respectfully ask for you to vote in favor of HB2626 HD2.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our keiki here in Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,

BBrody

Bev Brody
Get Fit Kauai Island Coordinator
NPAC: Nutrition & Physical Activity Coalition of Kauai County



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March 13, 2012

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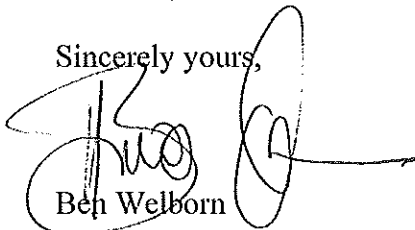
My name is Ben Welborn and I the principal land use planner for Landmark Consulting Services on Kauai. I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 – HD2. This bill (HB2626 HD2) is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

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Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our keiki here in Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,



Ben Welborn



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

March 16, 2012, 1:15 P.M.

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(Testimony is 1 page long)

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2626 HD 2

Chairs Tokuda and English and members of the Committees:

The Blue Planet Foundation supports HB 2626 HD 2, a measure establishing the Safe Routes to School Program within the Department of Transportation funded through a surcharge for certain traffic violations. We believe passage of this measure will decrease reliance on automobiles for students commuting to and from schools.

Blue Planet Foundation's mission is to end the use of fossil fuels on Earth, starting by making Hawai'i a role model for energy independence. While much of our work has been focused on renewable energy and reducing electricity use, transportation in Hawaii (cars, trucks, ships, and planes) accounts for approximately two-thirds of the oil consumed. In 2011, Hawaii cars burned over 470 million gallons of gasoline. For a typical car, that's enough gasoline to cover the distance equivalent to over 21,000 round trips to the moon. Providing alternatives to driving cars is needed to decrease our consumption of gasoline and other fossil fuels. Better yet, showing children that walking and biking can be enjoyable can help establish healthy habits for life. This measure seeks to make the routes to schools safer so more students are able to choose walking and biking as a means of commuting.

In July 2005, Congress passed federal legislation that established a National Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program. The program, which was signed into law in August 2005, dedicates a total of \$612 million towards SRTS from 2005 to 2009. The Federal Highway Administration administers the Safe Routes to School program funds and provides guidance and regulations about SRTS programs. Federal SRTS funds are distributed to states based on student enrollment. Safe Routes to Schools funds can be used for both infrastructure projects and non-infrastructure activities. The legislation also requires each state to have a Safe Routes to School Coordinator, which HB 2626 HD 2 provides within the DOT, to serve as a central point of contact for the state. Hawaii stands to gain its fair share of SRTS funding through passage of this measure.

Blue Planet supports HB 2626 HD 2 as common sense legislation to help us make our roads safer, improve the health of our children, and decrease our reliance on fossil fuels.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



March 16, 2012

1:15 P.M.

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To: Senate Committee on Education
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Will Espero, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Public Health Association
Christopher Lum Lee, Chair, Legislative Committee

Re: HB2626 HD2 RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Chair Tokuda, Chair English, and Committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB2626 HD2 which the Hawaii Public Health Association strongly supports for the following reasons:

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a national and international movement to create safe, convenient, and fun opportunities for children to bicycle and walk to and from schools. The program has been designed to reverse the decline in children walking and bicycling to schools. SRTS can also play a critical role in reversing the nationwide and statewide trend toward childhood obesity and inactivity. The programs are built on collaborative partnerships among many stakeholders including educators, parents, students, elected officials, engineers, city planners and engineers, business and community leaders, health officials, and bicycle and pedestrian advocates.

HB2626 HD2 will create a sustainable and much needed dedicated source of funding for the counties to implement infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects around Hawaii schools, so that children can safely walk and bike to school. These changes around schools will not only benefit our school children, but will also benefit the overall community who will also be able to safely walk and bike around these areas.

It is in the Association's hopes that this Committee passes this measure.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Christopher K.J. Lum Lee

Christopher K.J. Lum Lee, Chair
Hawaii Public Health Association Legislative Committee

Testimony for EDU/TIA 3/16/2012 1:15:00 PM HB2626

Conference room: Auditorium
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Brian R. Curll
Organization:
E-mail: Bcurll@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/13/2012

Comments:

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March 13, 2012

RE: Support of HB2626 HD2
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Dear Senator English and Senator Tokuda:

My name is Brian R Curll and I am The President of Puuwai Outrigger Canoe Club In Kapaa I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 - HD2. This bill (HB2626 HD2) is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

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I respectfully ask for you to vote in favor of HB2626 HD2.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our keiki here in Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,

Brian R. Curll

Erin Conner

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Testimony for EDU/TIA 3/16/2012 1:15:00 PM HB2626

Conference room: Auditorium
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Tommy A. Noyes
Organization: Kauai Path, Inc.
E-mail: ThomasNoyes@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 3/13/2012

Comments:

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Dear Senator English and Senator Tokuda,

My name is Tommy A. Noyes and I serve on the board of Kauai Path, Inc., a 501 (c) (3) advocating for better walking and bicycling infrastructure around the State of Hawaii.

I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 - HD2. This bill (HB2626 HD2) is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

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From: Helena Stevenson [helena.k.stevenson@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 10:30 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: Testimony on HB2626 for Senate Education Committee hearing on Friday, March 16, at 1:15 p.m.

HB2626

Title: Relating to Safe Routes to School

Good afternoon, Senators. My name is Helena Stevenson and I am a sophomore at Kalaheo High School. I am testifying on HB2626, relating to safe routes to school. I strongly support this bill for the following reasons.

From experience, I can tell you that mornings in traffic circles are very crazy. People are arriving from all different modes of transportation; walking, riding their bikes, driving up to the student parking lot or in their parents car. Either way, it's very hectic as parents have to avoid students crossing the street in an intersection and vice versa. In 2004, less than 13 percent of U.S students walked or biked to school compared to the more than 50 percent that walked or biked in 1969. A University of Michigan researcher states that safety is the main concern for students not walking or biking to school anymore. This new statute will ensure the safety for students walking or biking to school. Enforcing the subcharge of \$25 will keep drivers at or below the speed limit so students(and parents) won't have to worry so much about drivers speeding in the school zone. By encouraging safer driving in the school zones, we will ensure the safety of kids walking or biking to school.

Thank you so much for your time. I truly hope that you will support HB2626.

House Bill Number 2626, H.D. 2

Title: Relating to Safe Routes to School

Good afternoon, Senators. My name is Laurie and I am a junior at Hanalani Schools. I am testifying on HB No. 2626, Relating to Safe Routes to School. I support this Bill because of the many life-altering benefits it will create for Hawaii's youth. It is expected that the creation of safer routes will encourage more students to walk and bike to school. This increased exercise will result in greater fitness, improved quality of sleep, and better serotonin levels, all of which are crucial factors of physical, mental, and emotional health. Although no school zone can be perfectly safe, the Bill will implement practical methods of improving safety, promoting increased community awareness of and participation in students' wellbeing. Ultimately, the highest hope for this Bill is that it would save lives. School zones are especially dangerous because students can often be reckless or oblivious to their surroundings. Due to the multitudes of parked cars, it is much more difficult to see pedestrians crossing. Although many people do exercise caution around school zones, some people will always disregard the need for safety. Charging fines can either cause people to drive with more care or avoid the school zone when possible—both of which would increase safety of students. Although some may consider this plan to be an ineffective use of time and funds during a time of economic strain, it is well worth it to pass this Bill if it will preserve the lives of current students and generations of students to come.

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Committee on Transportation and International Affairs; Chair
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Honolulu, HI 96813

March 13, 2012

RE: Support of HB2626 HD2
Friday, March 16, 2012
1:15 P.M.

Dear Senator English and Senator Tokuda:

My name is Randal Blake MD and I am a licensed physician in Hawaii. I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 – HD2. This bill (HB2626 HD2) is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

This bill is critically important for advancing opportunities for safe physical activity and addressing the obesity epidemic here in Hawaii. Funds would be generated to support traffic safety improvements and education, through a modest surcharge on moving traffic violations. With the additional surcharge ranging only from \$10-25, depending on the location of the infraction, this provides a sustainable means for generating revenue for this need, without taking Hawaii general funds away from other needed programs.

I encourage all of you to pass this measure and its intent to create safer places for our children to bike and walk. If we make these changes for our children, we essential create communities where we can all be safer, healthier and live a better quality of life.

I respectfully ask for you to vote in favor of HB2626 HD2.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our keiki here in Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,
Randall Blake MD

Senator J. Kalani English
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March 13, 2012

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Dear Senator English and Senator Tokuda:

My name is Colleen McCracken and I a Dietitian and Registered Nurse for two separate healthcare facilities on Kaua'i. I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 – HD2. This bill (HB2626 HD2) is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

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I encourage all of you to pass this measure and its intent to create safer places for our children to bike and walk. If we make these changes for our children, we essential create communities where we can all be safer, healthier and live a better quality of life.

As a member of the healthcare industry, I am very dedicated to the health and reducing obesity and the associated co-morbidities. I respectfully ask for you to vote in favor of HB2626 HD2.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our keiki here in Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,

Colleen K. McCracken

Colleen K. McCracken, M.S., R.D., R.N.

March 13, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Education Committee
Senator J. Kalani English
Chair, Transportation and International Affairs Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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To: Senator Tokuda and Members of the Education Committee
Senator English and Members of the Transportation and International Affairs Committee

Thank you for this opportunity to express support for HB 2626, HD 2 which will help to sustain the Safe Routes to School program. The bill would create a special Safe Routes to School fund which will help to further develop the work designed to improve the safety, health and mobility for children to enable them to safely walk or bike to school.

I have participated in Kauai's Walk to School Days and have seen the positive impact walking and biking to school has made with children and their parents. This encourages physical activity for the children as well as their parents, and, with the SRTS special fund, would provide long term opportunities for children to safely walk or bike to school and help to address the obesity epidemic here in Hawaii. The proposed surcharge provides a more sustainable mechanism to generate funds and support the SRTS program for each island.

Development of the SRTS program and potential infrastructure in the community creates not only safe routes for our youth, but provides safe routes and encourages better health and well-being for older adults, persons with disabilities, families, and the overall community.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of HB 2626, HD 2 to support the Safe Routes to School program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Naomi Sugihara

Senator J. Kalani English
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March 13, 2012

RE: Support of HB2626 HD2
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Dear Representatives English and Tokuda,

I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 HD2. This bill is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

Very modest increases in traffic fines could support a fund for each county to keep children safer and encourage more to walk to school, thus alleviating traffic congestion, especially around schools.

I respectfully ask for your support of this bill, HB 2626, HD2.

Sincerely,

Jodi Drisko, MSPH
2495 Liliuokalani St
Kilauea, HI 96754

TO: Members of the Committees on Education
and Transportation & International Affairs

FROM: Natalie Iwasa aka Bike Mom
Member Hawaii SRTS Hui
League Cycling Instructor, #2244
808-395-3233

HEARING: 1:15 p.m. Friday, March 16, 2012

SUBJECT: HB 2626, HD2 Safe Routes to School - **Support with One Change**

Aloha Chairs and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony on HB 2626, HD2 which would create a permanent Safe Routes to School (SRTS) fund for Hawaii.

I support the creation of a state SRTS fund from surcharges on traffic fines and creation of dedicated coordinator positions at the county levels to continue implementation of this program.

The bill requires non-infrastructure funding be between 10% and 30% (page 3 lines 18 and 19). **Non-infrastructure funding should be increased** for the first year or two. Based on my experience and discussions with parents, teachers and community members, many people are still not even aware of SRTS. Education and encouragement, which fall under non-infrastructure, need additional support at this time.

It appears there is some flexibility under the rules-making process to allow for some up-front payment to grant recipients. This is important, because many nonprofit organizations cannot front costs of these projects. (For example, the Hawaii Bicycling League had to rescind its SRTS grant, because it could not front the costs.)

Lastly, I urge committee members to support the **Hawaii SRTS Day Challenge**. As schools register to participate in the challenge, legislators will be asked to join kids walking and biking to school on the fourth Wednesday of each month. May 15 has been set aside as a special Bike and Walk to School day. More information is available at www.pathhawaii.org/hui.

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 3:00 PM
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Subject: Testimony for HB2626 on 3/16/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: Auditorium
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Robert MacDougall
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Submitted on: 3/13/2012

Comments:

I encourage you to support this legislation. There are several reasons why we should be supporting SAFE transportation to schools that do NOT include autos and buses. 1) Environmental issues. 2) Obesity and other related health issues (walking and biking are healthful. 3) better performance at school following exercise. 4) Monies spent on extra auto or extra gasoline can be used in families for better purposes (gasoline is NOT getting any cheaper). I can be reached at 808 635-0112. I am a former educator, ENglish and Coach and for past 20 years a Family Therapist.

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kealoha Takahashi
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E-mail: ktakahashi@kauai.gov
Submitted on: 3/14/2012

Comments:

I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 - HD2. This bill (HB2626 HD2) is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Peggy Lake
Organization: Individual
E-mail: peggy@kalapaki.com
Submitted on: 3/14/2012

Comments:

This is such an important move for Hawaii. Our streets aren't safe for children to walk...or even for adults to walk. With Safe Routes, we can get more children walking to school safely...and...it would promote fitness for everyone. Please support this bill.

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Submitted by: Jose Bulatao, Jr.
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mrb@hawaiiink.net
Submitted on: 3/14/2012

Comments:

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Submitted by: JONATHAN LOTT
Organization: Farrington High School
E-mail: lottj001@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/14/2012

Comments:

Aloha and thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of Safe Routes to Schools. As a teacher in the Kalihi community, I see the effect of dangerous routes to schools on kids walking and riding bikes to school--they try to avoid it, catching rides as much as possible. I have coordinated a "Green Machines Show" at Farrington for the 3 years already, to try to promote healthy and sustainable transportation alternatives, emphasizing those that are within reach financially, and practically, for students and families in the community. We started our show to counter a senior class tradition of holding a "Car Show" on campus during the school day, which we believe sends absolutely the wrong message, at the wrong place, and the wrong time in a "high-poverty" school and neighborhood. Any and all support to healthy and safe (and inexpensive) transportation to and from schools is good, in my opinion. There needs to be a commitment both in funding and staff to make this logical direction gain momentum, so please pass some version of support for Safe Routes to Schools in this legislative session. Mahalo, Jon Lott, Science Department, Farrington High School

Erin Conner

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Submitted on: 3/14/2012

Comments:

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March 13, 2012

RE: Support of HB2626 HD2
Friday, March 16, 2012
1:15 P.M.

Dear Senator English and Senator Tokuda:

My name is Karen Rivera and I am sales manager for/at Hawaiian Airlines. I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 - HD2. This bill (HB2626 HD2) is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

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I respectfully ask for you to vote in favor of HB2626 HD2.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our keiki here in Hawaii.

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Submitted by: Jennifer Linton
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E-mail: jenn@espswellness.com
Submitted on: 3/14/2012

Comments:

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RE: Support of HB2626 HD2
Friday, March 16, 2012
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Dear Senator English and Senator Tokuda:

My name is Jennifer Linton and I am an athletic trainer at Kapa'a High School and the Safe Routes to School Coordinator for Get Fit Kauai. I am writing to express my full support for HB2626-HD1. This bill in the form of HD1 is designed to improve the safety, health, and mobility of children by creating and supporting Hawaii Safe Routes to School programs.

This bill is critical to creating an environment that fosters physical activity and well-being among our children and other community members, which is vital to the battle against the obesity epidemic in Hawaii. The funds generated from this bill would provide much needed traffic safety improvements and education through a modest surcharge on moving violations. The \$10-25 surcharge provides a viable means to implement and sustain Safe Routes to School programs in Hawaii, which are essential to creating the safe environment we all desire in order to get out and be more physically active and mobile within our community.

I encourage all of you to pass this measure and its intent to create a safer place for not only our children to bike and walk but all community members.

I respectfully ask for you to vote in favor of HB2626-HD2.

Thank-you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our keiki here in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Linton, MPH, ATC
Athletic Trainer, Kapa'a High School
Safe Routes to School Coordinator, Get Fit Kauai

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Submitted on: 3/14/2012

Comments:
please help make our streets safer for the kids.

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