

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
869 PUNCHBOWL STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-5097

February 6, 2012

HB 2626
RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports the intent of HB 2626 and offers the following recommendations:

1. Subsection 291C-A(b) - Use federal safe routes to school program in the last sentence to differentiate from a county safe routes to school program.
2. Subsection 291C-A(c) - Replace The director of transportation, through the safe routes to school program coordinator with A county-designated office, through the county safe routes to school program coordinator to streamline to use of SRTS Special Funds and remove conflicts with federal law requiring the equal opportunity use of federal funds.
3. Subsection 291C-A(d) – Use county safe routes to school program.
4. Subsection 291C-A(d)(1) – Replace the department of transportation with a county-designated office.
5. Subsection 291C-A(e) – Use county safe routes to school program to remove conflicts with federal safe routes to school requirements.
6. Subsection 291C-A(g) – Use federal safe routes to school program.

7. Subsection 291C-B(a)(1) – Delete this subsection and renumber accordingly as this is not allowed under current federal regulations. The federal-aid program is a reimbursable funding program. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will only approve reimbursement of federal SRTS funds when a pertinent SRTS project has been deemed to meet federal regulations, including environmental, bidding and construction regulations.

8. Subsection 291C-B(b) – Replace traffic calming measures with purposes outlined in 291C-A to not limit improvements to only traffic calming measures. Some counties have moratoriums on traffic calming measures such as the City and County of Honolulu.

The intent of the revisions is to make the use of the SRTS Special Fund by the counties to be as flexible as necessary to get improvements processed and done as smoothly as possible. This can only be accomplished if the counties are able to operate their respective program as independently as needed for the purposes of the national SRTS program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2626

February 6, 2012

RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

House Bill No. 2626 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, and any federal funds received for the program, 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. However, it should be noted that this bill does not contain any appropriation for the new special fund.

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, 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.



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96801-3378

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
HB2626, RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Acting Director of Health

February 6, 2012

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the intent of this bill, but defers to the
2 Department of Transportation's recommended changes to the bill language.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** Would establish a Safe Route to School Special Fund from surcharges through
4 traffic violations. Moneys in the fund will be distributed by the director of transportation to the
5 respective counties to expend.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of House Bill 2626 is to establish a Safe Routes to School
7 (SRTS) Program within the Department of Transportation (DOT) through the creation of a Safe Routes
8 to School Special Fund. The bill will assess a surcharge of \$25 for violations of speeding in a school
9 zone and a \$10 surcharge on various traffic violations and these surcharges will be deposited into a Safe
10 Routes to School Special Fund. The purpose of the Safe Routes to School program would be to provide
11 transportation infrastructure and non-infrastructure funding to enhance traffic safety around Hawaii's
12 schools, while at the same time provide funding to encourage children to walk and bike to school.

13 According to the 2011 Hawaii Safety and Wellness Survey, thirty-eight schools (14.9%) have
14 SRTS Programs. Current programs have been extremely successful in increasing the numbers of

1 children walking and biking to school and some programs have started assessing infrastructure changes.
2 This bill would create a sustainable means for generating revenue for funding this important program
3 and will help to increase and build upon SRTS efforts throughout our state. Since, Hawaii school-aged
4 (5 to 18 years of age) residents have the highest rates of pedestrian injuries requiring hospital treatment
5 or death, it is another important reason to utilize funding to create a safe and integral transportation
6 system for a large and valuable demographic of Hawaii's population.

7 The Department of Health (DOH) respectfully defers to the DOT on recommended language
8 related to the funding structure of this bill. Should this bill be enacted we recommend that the DOT
9 consults with the DOH to implement the Safe Routes to School Program. The DOH supports the intent
10 of the measure as long as it does not have a negative impact on the Department's Supplemental Budget
11 appropriation request.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.
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Date: 02/06/2012

Committee: House Transportation

Department: Education

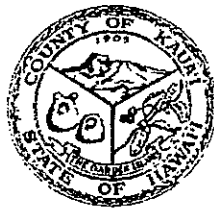
Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 2626 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.

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Mayor



Larry Dill, P.E.
County Engineer

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Managing Director

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Deputy County Engineer

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Before a Hearing of the Committee on Transportation
Monday, February 6, 2012
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 309

House Bill 2626, Relating to Safe Routes to School

Dear Chair Souki and Members of the Committee on Transportation:


My name is Larry Dill and I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 with the proposed amendments attached. This bill, with the amendments, 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 ten to twenty-five dollars, 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 respectfully ask for you to accept the proposed amendments to this bill, HB 2626.

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,


Larry Dill, P.E.
County Engineer

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 be appropriately designated
3 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 part I shall be ordered to
7 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 state director
10 of finance who shall transmit the surcharge to the safe routes
11 to school program special fund pursuant to 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 Safe routes to school program. (a) There is
16 established, within the department of transportation, a safe
17 routes to school program that shall, among other things, enhance
18 traffic safety around Hawaii's schools, enable and encourage



1 children to walk and bicycle to school, and make bicycling and
2 walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation
3 alternative through the federal safe routes to school program.

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 safe routes to
8 school program.

9 (c) The director of transportation, through the 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 pursuant to section 291C-B to be used for the
2 implementation of county safe routes to school program projects.

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

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

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

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 in
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 the apportionment of safe routes to
19 school funds for non-infrastructure-related activities
20 or activities to encourage walking and bicycling to
21 school, public awareness campaigns, student sessions
22 on bicycle and pedestrian safety, or other non-



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

5 (f) Each grant proposal in the safe routes to school
6 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 federal safe routes to school grant program that meets
7 federal and state requirements, simplifies the application
8 process, and expedites release of funding after completion of
9 school-based and community-based projects for infrastructure and
10 non-infrastructure.

11 (h) Nothing in this section shall be construed as
12 requiring actions or omissions that would render the State
13 ineligible to receive funds for the safe routes to school
14 program under the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible,
15 Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, Public
16 Law No. 109-59.

17 **§291C-B Safe routes to school program special fund.** (a)
18 There is established in the state treasury the safe routes to
19 school program special fund, into which shall be deposited:

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



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

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

5 (b) The director of transportation shall adopt rules
6 pursuant to chapter 91 to implement this section. The rules
7 shall establish a formula by which the moneys in the fund shall
8 be distributed to each county and provide how the county shall
9 expend the moneys for traffic calming measures in public school
10 zones.

11 §291C-C Safe routes to school program surcharge. (a) In
12 addition to any other civil penalties ordered by the court, a
13 person who violates any offense under part X shall be ordered to
14 pay a safe routes to school program surcharge of \$10 if the
15 violation is not already required to pay a safe routes to school
16 program surcharge pursuant to the violation of the offense.

17 (b) The person shall pay the surcharge to the clerk of the
18 court. The surcharge shall be deposited with the state director
19 of finance who shall transmit the surcharge to the safe routes
20 to school program special fund pursuant to section 291C-B."

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



1 "(c) Any person who violates this section shall be fined
2 \$250 [~~and~~]; may be charged with a surcharge of up to \$100 to be
3 deposited into the trauma system special fund[~~-~~]; and, where the
4 violation involves speeding in a school zone, may be charged
5 with a surcharge of \$25 to be deposited into the safe routes to
6 school program special fund."

7 SECTION 4. In codifying the new sections added by section
8 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
9 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
10 the new sections in this Act.

11 SECTION 5. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
12 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
13 begun before its effective date.

14 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.



Report Title:

Safe Routes to School Program; Safe Routes to School Program
Special Fund; Speeding in School Zone; Traffic Fines

Description:

Permanently establishes the Safe Routes to School Program within the Department of Transportation. Establishes a Safe Routes to School Program Special Fund. Requires the Director of Transportation to develop a mechanism to provide funds to county safe routes to school programs from the Safe Routes to School Program Special Fund to be used for the implementation of county safe routes to school program projects. 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, 2012. (PROPOSED HB2626 HD1)

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislative intent.



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Mayor



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**COUNTY OF KAUAI TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT WITH RESERVATIONS
HOUSE BILL 2626 RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

Before the House Transportation Committee
Monday, February 6, 2012
9:00 am Conference Room 309

By Michael A. Dahilig
Director of Planning, County of Kaua'i

Speaker Emeritus Souki, Representative Ichiyama and Honorable Members:

The County of Kaua'i Planning Department strongly supports this measure.

The County, through resolution, has adopted the "Complete Streets" principle in planning and constructing civil improvements in a multi-modal fashion.

The proposed surcharge would greatly support these County efforts, specifically with regard to the safety of our school children as the walk to campuses, and ultimately promote alternative healthy transportation options.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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From: Joann Yukimura [jyukimura@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2012 10:27 PM
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Subject: HB 2626

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
and Members of the House Transportation Committee State Capitol, Room 309
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HB 2626

Aloha, Chair Souki and Members:

It seems quite appropriate that I write you from San Diego where several of us from Kauai County are attending the New Partners for Smart Growth 11th Annual Conference on "Building Safe, Healthy and Livable Communities.

HB 2626 is perfectly aligned with that goal, which we all share: creating communities in which our children can grow up in safety and good health.

I write as the Chair of our Council Committee on Housing, Transportation and Energy Efficiency/Conservation. I am in strong support of HB 2626 which would impose a surcharge penalty on speeding in a school zone and on other speeding violations and create 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 fossil fuel use. It is not often that a proposal will help to achieve so many of our state and county goals.

I know you will vote for the best for our keiki.

Mahalo nui loa for your service and for your work on our behalf.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Yukimura
Vice Chair
Kaua'i County Council



Get Fit Kauai

NPAC: Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition of Kauai

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Representative Joseph M. Souki
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 433
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Representative Souki:

My name is Bev Brody and I am writing in full support of the amendments to HB2626 and asking you to accept the amendments to the bill in the form of HD1. This bill with the amendments 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. As you have structured the program, 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 respectfully ask for you to accept the amendments to this bill in the form of HD1.

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

Sincerely yours,

B Brody

Bev Brody
Get Fit Kauai Island Coordinator
NPAC: Nutrition & Physical Activity Coalition of Kauai County
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Testimony for TRN 2/6/2012 9:00:00 AM HB2626

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sally Jo Manea
Organization: Kauai Path
E-mail: keahimanea@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

The Board of Directors of Kauai Path support HB2626 with the HD 1 amendments relating to establishment of a Safe Routes to School program within the Department of Transportation. Kauai Path supports the promotion of and access to safe multi-use paths for all citizens, including children.

Sally Jo Manea, President, Kauai Path



YES Kaua'i

Youth Educational Sports, Inc.

February 4, 2012

Representative Joseph M. Souki
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 433
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Representative Souki:

My name is Tana Kano'e'ula Ball and I am writing to express my full support of the amendments to HB2626. This bill, with the amendments, 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.

This bill will help educate Hawaii future generations reducing our pedestrian collision rate and the costs associated with the injuries and deaths.

I respectfully ask for you to accept the amendments to this bill, HB 2626.

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

Mahalo nui loa,

Tana Ball
Director



Representative Joseph M. Souki
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 433
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

February 2, 2012

Dear Representative Souki:

I am writing to express my full support of the amendments to HB2626. This bill, with the amendments, 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 you to accept the amendments to this bill, HB 2626.

Sincerely,

Jodi Drisko
2495 Liliuokalani St
Kilauea, HI 96754

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Subject: testimony in support of the amendments to HB2626

Representative Joseph M. Souki
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 433
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

February 2, 2012

Dear Representative Souki:

My name is Paul Zina and I am writing to express my full support of the amendments to HB2626. I am the Wilcox Elementary School Vice Principal in charge of the safety and well being of 950 students who attend school in the Lihue civic center of Kauai. We rarely have the opportunity to make an impact such as this bill with it's proposed amendments will make. This bill, with the amendments, is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund. In Kauai, this fund would support a growing community effort whereby numerous agencies have come together to support the safety and well being of our children. The fund would be an enormous benefit to the collaborative effort of our community alone. The fact that it will be used to support the Hawaii Safe Routes to School program makes supporting it unquestionably necessary.

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 respectfully ask for you to accept the amendments to this bill, HB 2626.

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,

Paul Zina
Vice Principal
Wilcox Elementary School
Kauai

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Representative Joseph M. Souki
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February 2, 2012

Dear Representative Souki:

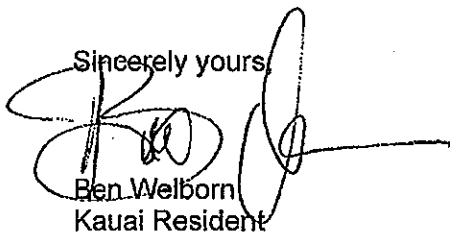
My name is Ben Welborn and I am writing to express my full support of the amendments to HB2626. This bill, with the amendments, is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

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 respectfully ask for you to accept the amendments to this bill, HB 2626.

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 'Ben Welborn', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ben Welborn
Kauai Resident

February 2, 2012

Representative Joseph M. Souki
Chair, House Transportation Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 433
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Representative Souki:

Thank you for this opportunity to express support for HB 2626 and its proposed amendments which would help to move forward the work of Safe Routes To School. The bill, with the amendments, would create a special Safe Routes To School fund and further develop the work designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children to be able to safely walk or bike to school.

I have had the opportunity to participate in Kauai's Walk To School Days and have witnessed 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, it would further provide opportunities for safe physical activity 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.

This bill, with the proposed amendments, benefits not only our youth, but older adults, persons with disabilities, families, and the overall community to provide safe routes to walk and bike with infrastructure development.

Thank you for your favorable consideration to accept the amendments to HB 2626 and thank you for your leadership to support the Safe Routes to School program. The health, safety, and well-being of our children and community will benefit from this effort.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Naomi Sugihara

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Rep. Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice-Chair
Monday, February 6, 2012

Testimony Supporting H.B. #2626: "Relating to Safe Routes to School"

Testimony of
Ludvina K. Takahashi

This is a testimony in full support of the amendments to HB2626. This bill, with the amendments, 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 respectfully ask for you to accept the amendments to this bill, HB 2626.

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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Representative Joseph M. Souki
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February 4, 2012

Dear Representative Souki:

My name is Neil Clendeninn and I am writing to express my full support of the amendments to HB2626. This bill, with the amendments, 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 respectfully ask for you to accept the amendments to this bill, HB 2626.

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,

Neil J Clendeninn
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From: John Rowell [mauna_ikena@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2012 7:00 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Bev Brody
Subject: HB2626

I continually tell my students that the most important thing to teachers and the adult community is their (the children's) health and safety. Please pass HB2626 and prove it.

Chrys Martin-Rowell

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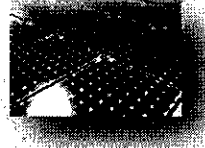
From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: rcblake@mac.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2626 on 2/6/2012 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/6/2012 9:00:00 AM HB2626

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Randall Blake
Organization: Individual
E-mail: rcblake@mac.com
Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

This is a budget neutral bill and help sustain a great program



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 6, 2012, 9:00 A.M.

Room 309

(Testimony is 1 page long)

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2626

Chair Souki and members of the Committee:

The Blue Planet Foundation supports HB 2626, 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 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 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.

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LATE TESTIMONY

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Representative Joseph M. Souki
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 433
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

February 5, 2012

Dear Representative Souki:

As a member of the Complete Streets Coalition, I am writing to express my full support of the amendments to HB2626. This bill, with the amendments, 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.

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Sincerely yours,



Jennifer Dang
Complete Streets Coalition

LATE TESTIMONY

To: Members of House Committee on Transportation
From: Nalani Aki
Date: 02-05-12
Re: HB2626 Relating to Safe Routes to School

Aloha Chair Souki, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Representatives of the Committee on Transportation,

I thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB2626 Relating to Safe Routes to School, a bill that would permanently establish the Safe Routes to School Program within the Department of Transportation, establish a Safe Routes to School Special Fund and assess 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.

In a time where the vehicle is the predominant mode of transportation on our island streets, where children are increasingly overweight and or obese, and so many of us spend time working instead of being able to enjoy the outdoors, NOW is the time to move forward with firmly establishing initiatives that can support modes of "active transportation". (i.e. running, biking, skateboarding, and any other form or human-powered transport necessitated by physical activity)

As a supporter of active transportation and having spent over 5 years working on physical activity and nutrition issues in the State, I know that the percentage of children who are overweight or obese increases year after year, that children with asthma are adversely effected by idling vehicles in front of schools and that in we spend more time in our cars rather than using transit, walking or biking. From traveling across the State's, conference after conference speakers re-iterate "that this generation may be the first in more than 200 years to live shorter life spans than their parents." Is that what we want? Would you want the children, the children of our great State to have a shorter life than the rest of us? What is it that can make the difference?

Transportation policies are integral in making significant changes to our environment, the way in which we commute to and from places and what the future holds for our children is embedded in the decisions you as legislators make.

For those of you who may not know, Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs provide opportunities to improve the health of children, decrease school area traffic, improve air quality all while decreasing traffic congestion near the school and improve walking and bicycling conditions surrounding the school and near-by community. It is for these reasons I support this bill.

Through the establishment of a Safe Routes to School Program within the Department of Transportation, you show a level of commitment by government to make specific, comprehensive changes to the infrastructure around schools. The creation of a special fund specifically for Safe Routes to School would also demonstrate a long term commitment to this cause. Researchers believe it will take years for us to turn back the hands of time, to change behavior, to reduce vehicle emissions and reduce the number of people who are overweight or obese; however the longer we wait the longer it will take.

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.

From: Thomas Noyes [ThomasNoyes@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2012 2:07 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Bev Brody-Skerik; PATH Laura Dierenfield; Sally Jo Manea; Peter Clark; Randy Blake
Subject: In Favor of HB2626 (Amended)

Aloha Representative Souki:

My name is Tommy A. Noyes and I am writing to express my full support of the amendments to HB2626.

The fitness and safety of our children and more broadly our neighborhoods are at stake.

This bill, with the amendments, 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 accept the amendments to this bill, HB 2626.

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,

Tommy A. Noyes

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LATE TESTIMONY

TO: Members of the Committee on Transportation

FROM: Natalie Iwasa aka Bike Mom
Member Hawaii SRTS Hui
Honolulu, HI 96825
808-395-3233

HEARING: 9 a.m. Monday, February 6, 2012

SUBJECT: HB 2626 Safe Routes to School - **Support with Changes**

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony on HB 2626 which would create a permanent Safe Routes to School (SRTS) fund for Hawaii. The timing of this bill is very important, given the current state of federal funding for biking and walking. (The current version of the federal highway bill, the American Infrastructure and Energy Jobs Act, has stripped all funding for biking and walking programs. The senate bill, MAP-21, reduces funding for biking and walking programs.)

I support the creation of a SRTS fund and dedicated full-time coordinator, which is also required under federal funding, but would like to suggest consideration be given to the following changes.

The bill requires non-infrastructure funding be between 10% and 30%. Non-infrastructure funding should be increased to a minimum of 30%. 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.

The current structure of the program requires organizations and agencies to front the costs of each grant, i.e., grants are funded on a reimbursement basis only. The Hawaii Bicycling League was one of the first organizations to obtain a SRTS grant in Hawaii. It had to rescind it, however, because it could not front the costs. Consideration should therefore be given to revising this requirement so organizations do not need to wait so long for funding.

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 starting February 22. May 15 has been set aside as a special Bike and Walk to School day. More information is available at www.pathhawaii.org/hui.

From: Sergut Berhanu [sberhanu@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2012 10:36 PM
To: TRNtestimony

Representative Joseph M. Souki

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 433

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, HI 96813

February 2, 2012

Dear Representative Souki:

My name is Sergut Berhanu and I am writing to express my full support of the amendments to HB2626. This bill, with the amendments, 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 accept the amendments to this bill, HB 2626.

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,

Sergut Berhanu
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From: Daniel A Alexander [danielal@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2012 10:30 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: bbrody1@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Support for HB2626

Representative Joseph M. Souki
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 433
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

February 2, 2012

Dear Representative Souki:

My name is Daniel Alexander and I am writing to express my full support of the amendments to HB2626. This bill, with the amendments, 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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