

HB591 HD1

RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL.

Stipulates that fees deposited for each fiscal year into the Safe Routes to School Special Fund, when appropriated, shall be available to the Department of Transportation to administer the Safe Routes to School Program and that funds, when appropriated, may also be delegated by the Director of Transportation to the respective counties to expend for the purposes of the Act that established the Safe Routes to School Program. Effective July 1, 2013. (HB591 HD1)



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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March 13, 2013
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 224

**H.B. 591, H.D. 1
RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

Senate Committee(s) on Transportation and International Affairs
& Education

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports the intent of H.B. 591**, H.D. 1, to streamline the process of not having to amend Act 317 every fiscal year. The DOT has a line item appropriation in our proposed biennium budget request for the Safe Routes to School Program. However, we offer the following addition to remove the conflict between HB 591, HD 1 and Section 291C-4(a) HRS:

Section 291C-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

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

- (1) Assessments collected for speeding in a school zone, pursuant to section 291C-104; and
- (2) Safe routes to school program surcharges collected in accordance with sections 291-16 and 291C-5.

~~[Moneys in the fund shall be distributed by the director of transportation to the respective counties to expend.]~~

(b) The director of transportation shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to implement this section. The rules shall establish a formula by which the moneys in the fund shall be distributed to each county and provide how the county shall expend the moneys for the purposes under 291C-3 in public school zones.”

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.





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

FROM: Natalie Iwasa, aka Bike Mom
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HEARING: 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, 2013

SUBJECT: HB 591, HD1 Safe Routes to School Funding - COMMENTS

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing testimony on HB 591, HD1 regarding the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) fund.

We are concerned with the HD1 as it now states funding shall be available to the Department of Transportation to administer the SRTS program including, "without limitation, the cost of equipment and general administrative overhead." In addition, the bill indicates that funds "may" be delegated by the director to the respective counties. It appears this defeats the purpose of the fund. The state is still behind releasing federal funds and the whole idea behind the separate fund was that the program would be taken out of the state's hands and brought down to the county level.

Please restore the wording of the original bill.

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Committee on Transportation and Internal Affairs

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Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

Committee on Education

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB591 HD1

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RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Senate Committee on Transportation and Internal Affairs

March 13, 2013
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Aloha, Committee on Transportation and Internal Affairs and Committee on Education,

My name is **Bev Brody** and although this Safe Routes to School Bill (HB591 HD1) is on the right track, I would like to request more specific language be added in place of "when appropriated". This approach "when appropriated" has caused many problems and complications in the past and to avoid future difficulties it would be best to change or entirely remove those two words; "when appropriated".

Please review the language in this bill and vote in favor of removing "when appropriated".

The fees deposited for each fiscal year into the safe routes to school special fund, ~~when appropriated~~, shall be available to the department of transportation to administer the safe routes to school program including, without limitation, the cost of equipment and general administrative overhead. When appropriated, funds may also be delegated by the director of transportation to the respective counties to expend for the purposes of this Act."

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Bev Brody

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Redfeather	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Ricky Skerik	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Meg Schofield	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We strongly support this bill and the Safe Routes to School program. Obesity is a rising epidemic and allowing keiki to get to school under their own steam (safely!) is an absolute no-brainer... no down side whatsoever. And everyone in the neighborhood will benefit from sidewalks and crosswalks to make physical activity an easier option. Thank you.

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Missy Hoesel	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andy Honl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Providing safer access to schools via improved walking paths/sidewalks and bicycleye paths and bicycle lanes, will reduce the number of vehicles transporting children to school as well as provide a safer, healthier environment for children and parents, encouraging physical activity.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judith White	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Here on rural Kauai, it is essential that we have safe routes for our keiki to walk and bike to school. Thank you in advance for passing this important piece of legislation! Dr. Judith White

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pat Gegen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a parent who has supported the Safe Routes to School initiative on Kauai... This bill is necessary to ensure that funding is available specifically for safe routes for our keiki! All kids should have safe routes to their school from kindergarten to graduation!

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W. Howard Gregg	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the amendments to HB 591. Providing children with safe routes to school is essential to their health and safety; providing funds for infrastructure improvements through fines is a practical way to implement the program's intent.

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March 12, 2013

Thank you for this opportunity to express support for HB 591 and its proposed amendments which would help to move forward the work of Safe Routes To School. The proposed amendments would remove the statewide cap and dedicate all of the fine-based revenues to support SRTS programs.

The funding would address traffic calming 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.

Walk To School Days have made a positive impact to enable and encourage children and parents to walk and bike to school. This encourages physical activity for the children as well as their parents, and, with the funds dedicated to SRTS, it would further provide opportunities for safe physical activity and help to address the obesity epidemic here in Hawaii. When children can walk or bike to school, it also decreases the number of vehicles at the schools and relieves traffic congestion.

SRTS 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 591. The health, safety, and well-being of our children and community will benefit from this effort.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Naomi Sugihara