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TESTIMONY OF NADINE K. NAKAMURA
COUNCIL VICE CHAIR, KAUA'I COUNTY COUNCIL
ON
H.B. NO. 591, H.D.1, RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Committee on Education
Wednesday, March 13, 2013
1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 224

Dear Chair English, Chair Tokuda, and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of H.B. No. 591, H.D.1, Relating to Safe Routes to School. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as Council Vice Chair of the Kaua'i County Council.

H.B. No. 591, H.D.1, proposes to amend Act 317, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2012, to remove the \$250,000.00 cap necessary for Fiscal Year 2012-2013, and appropriates all the fees collected to the Safe Routes to School Special Fund, rather than the General Fund.

Depositing the fees into the Safe Routes to School Special Fund ensures that the funds will be utilized for improving infrastructure around schools in the State of Hawai'i. Additionally, it will create a permanent and appropriate way to fund Safe Routes to School programs, which will increase the safety for kids to walk and bike to school.

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request your support for this measure. Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

NADINE K. NAKAMURA
Vice Chair, Kaua'i County Council

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