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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE, AND MIDDLE
SCHOOLS IN THE STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SAFE ROUTES TO
SCHOOL PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 291C-3,
HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, FOR KEIKI HEALTH BENEFITS.

1 WHEREAS, keiki today have become less active, less
2 independent, and less healthy; and

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4 WHEREAS, in 1969, nearly fifty percent of all children in
5 the United States (and nearly ninety percent of those within one
6 mile of school) walked or bicycled to school but that number has
7 plummeted to fewer than fifteen percent today; and

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9 WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School is a program that works to
10 make it safe, convenient, and fun for children to walk and
11 bicycle to and from school; and

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13 WHEREAS, the goal of the program is to get more children
14 walking and bicycling to school, improve keiki safety, and
15 increase health and physical activity; and

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17 WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School is a federally-funded
18 program of the United States Department of Transportation's
19 Federal Highway Administration, created by Section 1404 of the
20 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity
21 Act: A Legacy for Users Act in 2005; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School program in Hawaii is
24 administered by the state Department of Transportation; and

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26 WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School program activities remain
27 eligible for funding under the federal Transportation
28 Alternatives Program; and

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30 WHEREAS, eligible activities include planning, design, and
31 construction of projects that will substantially improve the



1 ability of students to walk and bike to and from school,
 2 including sidewalk improvements, traffic calming and speed
 3 reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossing
 4 improvements, on-street bicycle facilities, off-street bicycle
 5 and pedestrian facilities, secure bike parking, and traffic
 6 diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools (within
 7 approximately two miles); and


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 9 WHEREAS, many areas near schools statewide could benefit
 10 from such improvements, as some existing infrastructure and
 11 facilities are inadequate to safely enable or encourage safe
 12 walking or biking to and from school; and

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 14 WHEREAS, this body believes that sound public policy by the
 15 State includes using and maximizing federal funds whenever
 16 possible and that the State should use federal funds available
 17 to supplement projects of the Department of Transportation that
 18 are adjacent to schools to enable students to safely walk and
 19 bike to and from school; and

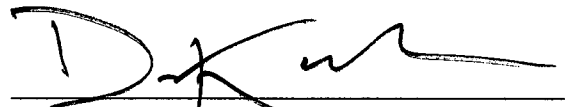
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 21 WHEREAS, if schools statewide participate in the Safe
 22 Routes to School program, participation can provide greater
 23 health benefits for our keiki and encourage responsible
 24 independence; now, therefore,

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 26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
 27 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
 28 Representatives concurring, that all public elementary,
 29 intermediate, and middle schools in the State are requested to
 30 participate in the Safe Routes to School Program established
 31 pursuant to section 291C-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 35 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, and Director of
 36 Transportation.

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