SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF HAWAII TO ESTABLISH A SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL ADVISORY GROUP TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN.

WHEREAS, transforming Hawaii's surface transportation systems and infrastructure to prioritize walking, rolling, bicycling, and public transit is at the nexus of the State's commitments to public health, safety, economic vitality, and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the most important component of this transformation is ensuring that every child in Hawaii enjoys the infrastructure, social support, confidence, and skills to walk, roll, bike, or bus to school; and

WHEREAS, as a result of decades of automobile—centric planning and development, there are formidable barriers to safe commuting which has resulted in significant danger to students; and

WHEREAS, barriers include a lack of complete, safe, and comfortable bike and pedestrian networks; burdensome and complicated funding mechanisms for safe routes to school programs and community engagement; a lack of a state safe routes to school plan that creates performance measures, goals, strategies, and accountability; and a lack of coordination among state and county agencies and community—based organizations to promote safe routes to school; and

WHEREAS, bringing together invested state and county agencies and community-based organizations to develop a comprehensive statewide safe routes to school strategic plan will both protect our keiki and also serve as a long-term investment in the future of mobility; now, therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the House of Representatives concurring, that the government of 3 Hawaii is urged to establish a Safe Routes to School Advisory 4 Group to develop a comprehensive statewide safe routes to school strategic plan; and 6 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Group is requested to advise the State on strategies to ensure that all children in the State are able to safely and comfortably bike, walk, roll, 10 or bus to school by developing a strategic plan that: 11 12 Identifies ways to stabilize the safe routes special (1) 13 fund distribution mechanism; 14 15 (2) Recommends strategies to streamline safe routes to 16 school program funding to make it easier for schools 17 and communities to apply for and receive funds; 18 19 (3) Identifies and recommends funding mechanisms, planning 20 processes, and programming that are inclusive and 21 equitable; and 22 23 (4) Recommends strategies to prioritize safe routes to 24 school programming serving students attending schools 25 that receive federal funds pursuant to Title I of the 26 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as 27 amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act; and 28 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Group shall 30 consist of the following members or their designees: 31 32 (1) The State of Hawaii Safe Routes to School Coordinator; 33 34 (2) A Director of Health designee having expertise on 35 state physical activity strategies; 36

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(4) A member of the Senate Standing Committee with jurisdiction over transportation;

state school health strategies;

A Director of Health designee having expertise on

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2 (5) 3	A member of the House of Representatives Standing Committee with jurisdiction over transportation;
4 5 (6)	A representative of the Department of Education;
6 7 (7)	A representative of the Honolulu Police Department;
8 9 (8)	A representative of the Kauai Police Department;
10 11 (9)	A representative of the Hawaii Police Department;
12 13 (10)	A representative of the Maui Police Department;
14 15 (11) 16	The City and County of Honolulu Safe Routes to School coordinator;
17 18 (12) 19	The County of Kauai safe routes to school coordinator
20 (13) 21	The County of Hawaii safe routes to school coordinator;
22 (14)	The County of Maui safe routes to school coordinator;
24 25 (15) 26 27	A representative of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization;
28 (16) 29 30	A representative of the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization;
31 (17) 32 33	A representative of Papa Ola Lokahi, who shall be invited to be a member by the chairperson;
34 (18) 35	A representative of the Hawaii Bicycling League, who shall be invited to be a member by the chairperson;
37 (19) 38 39	A representative of Aloha Care, who shall be invited to be a member by the chairperson;
10 (20) 11 12	A representative of the Hawaii Public Health Institute, who shall be invited to be a member by the chairperson; and

(21) Any other members may be invited as deemed necessary by the advisory group; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Safe Routes to School Advisory Group shall have the authority to select their own chair; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Safe Routes to School Advisory Group is requested to submit to the Legislature:

(1) A preliminary report no later than December 1, 2022; and

(2) A final report no later than December 1, 2023,

of the actions taken and progress made by the Advisory Group, including its findings and recommendations and any proposed legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Group is requested to dissolve on June 30, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation; Director of Health; Superintendent of Education; State of Hawaii Safe Routes to School Coordinator; City and County of Honolulu Safe Routes to School Coordinator; County of Kauai Safe Routes to School Coordinator; County of Hawaii Safe Routes to School Coordinator; County of Maui Safe Routes to School Coordinator; Chief of the Honolulu Police Department; Chief of the Kauai Police Department; Chief of the Hawaii Police Department; Chief of the Maui Police Department; Executive Director of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; Executive Director of Papa Ola Lokahi; Executive Director of the Hawaii Bicycling League; and Chief Executive

Officer of the Hawaii Public Health Institute.