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S.C.R. 136
REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CREATE SAFE
ROUTES FOR SENIORS LIVING IN HOUSING UNITS, RENTALS, HOTELS,
CONDOMINIUMS, AND RESIDENTIAL PLACES STATEWIDE

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.C.R. 136 which requests that the Department of Transportation (DOT) create safe routes for seniors living in housing units, rentals, hotels, condominiums, and residential places statewide.

The DOT supports efforts to improve multimodal transportation. We have an existing pedestrian program and Complete Streets policy and procedures. Pedestrian program priorities are set through an ongoing technical process coupled with community and public input to identify needs and priorities and develop recommended improvements. This process included an analysis of demographic data to identify populations, including seniors, that would likely have a higher need for pedestrian infrastructure.

We comply with all American Disabilities Act requirements and follow national best practices and standards. Many of the concerns specifically described in the resolution, such as elevation changes in walkways or pathways, and uneven or slick surfaces, are already addressed through these existing requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

TO: Members of the Committee on Transportation

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HEARING: 3 p.m. Thursday, March 24, 2022

SUBJECT: SCR 136 Safe Routes for Seniors - **SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Lee and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing the opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 136 regarding safe routes for seniors.

Over a decade ago, the federal government provided Hawaii with about \$10 million to fund Safe Routes to School. That program was continued at the county level. It's time to expand Safe Routes and offer greater opportunities for older adults while recognizing many in that age group have circumstances that require special attention.

Please vote "yes" on SCR 136.