



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
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Hearing Date: 3/21/2022  
Hearing Time: 3:15 PM  
Hearing Committee: Senate Education – EDU  
Hearing Location: CR 229 & Videoconference

**Department:** Education  
**Testifier:** Keith T. Hayashi, Interim  
**Title of Resolution:** SCR 0081 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO RECOGNIZE AND REMEDY STATEWIDE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION INEQUITIES BY INCREASING AND PRIORITIZING SCHOOL BUS SERVICES FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN FROM LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME FAMILIES.

**Department's Position:**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports SCR 81 urging the prioritization of low- to moderate-income families for school bus transportation service.

The Department would need to pursue amendments to applicable Hawaii Administrative Rules to formalize, operationalize, and allow enforcement of this prioritization.

There are financial implications to the Department that will need to be addressed so as not to negatively impact programs that are funded by school bus pass fares such as City and County bus passes for students eligible for assistance under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, family mileage reimbursement, and other operational expenses.

The Department continues to work with our school bus contractors to hire qualified school bus drivers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony for this measure.

**SCR-81**

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Testimony for EDU on 3/21/2022 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Press	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Michael Press. I am a teacher at Ilima Intermediate in Ewa Beach on Oahu. I support this bill and I urge you to do the same. Thank you.