
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH SAFE ROUTES
TO SCHOOL IN WAIPAHAU.

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

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

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12 WHEREAS, as a result of decades of automobile-centric
13 planning and development, there are formidable barriers to this
14 transformation; and

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

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25 WHEREAS, providing students with a safe route to bike or
26 walk to school promotes their health and safety, which is
27 especially crucial in rural and low socioeconomic communities
28 where there is a higher risk of pedestrian and bicycling
29 injuries; now, therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular



1 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
2 Transportation is urged to establish safe routes to school in
3 Waipahu; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
6 Transportation, in consultation with the Department of
7 Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu, is
8 requested to consider the construction of raised sidewalks and
9 safer crossings in the Waipahu area; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
13 Transportation, Chairperson of the Board of Education,
14 Superintendent of Education, and Director of Transportation
15 Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

