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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE BICYCLE GRANT PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that bicycle usage can
2 provide numerous benefits such as physical exercise, fewer
3 financial expenses than a privately-owned motor vehicle, greater
4 flexibility than public transportation, and no carbon dioxide
5 emissions. The legislature notes that existing policies allow
6 minors to pay their bus fare at a substantially reduced rate.
7 Further, Act 306, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, authorizes the
8 department of transportation to issue rebates for electric
9 bicycles and electric mopeds to persons who are eighteen years
10 or older. However, there is no program or policy that currently
11 exists to assist teenagers in obtaining access to bicycles for
12 personal use.

13 The legislature further finds that teenagers in high school
14 would particularly benefit from access to subsidized bicycles,
15 as high school students must commute between home and school,
16 may work part-time jobs, and often lack the financial resources
17 to purchase modes of transportation themselves. Further, a



1 reasonably priced electric bicycle can be purchased for \$2,000,
2 and a reasonably priced non-electric bicycle can be purchased
3 for \$500.

4 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a one-
5 time grant program for eligible high school students to purchase
6 an electric or non-electric bicycle to provide affordable and
7 healthy transportation options and appropriate funds to the
8 department of education to administer the program.

9 SECTION 2. The department of education shall establish and
10 administer a bicycle grant program. All high school students
11 enrolled in grades nine through twelve at a department of
12 education school shall be eligible for the bicycle grant
13 program. The bicycle grant program shall provide a one-time
14 grant up to \$2,000 to each eligible student for the purchase of
15 an electric bicycle or non-electric bicycle.

16 SECTION 3. (a) The department of education shall submit a
17 report of its findings and recommendations regarding the bicycle
18 grant program established under section 2 of this Act to the
19 legislature no later than forty days prior to the convening of
20 the regular sessions of 2024 and 2025.

21 (b) The report shall include:



S.B. NO. 907

Report Title:

Bicycle Grant Program; High School Students; Department of Education; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to establish and administer a Bicycle Grant Program for all high school students enrolled at a Department of Education school in grades nine through twelve. Requires reports to the Legislature.

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