

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1637

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 117  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and Education, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 117 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I TO CONDUCT AN INVENTORY OF BUS STOPS ON HAWAI'I ISLAND UTILIZED BY CHILDREN TO TRAVEL TO SCHOOL AND DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE SAFETY AT EACH LOCATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to collaborate with the Department of Transportation and the County of Hawaii to conduct an inventory of bus stops on Hawaii Island utilized by children to travel to school and develop strategies to improve safety at each location.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committees find that unlike other islands in the State, many students on Hawaii Island face unique transportation challenges, including long travel distances, limited access to school bus services, and reliance on the County of Hawaii's Hele-



On public transportation system through special arrangements with the Department of Education. Your Committees further find that that the availability and staffing of active bus routes are critical concerns, as many school transportation services struggle with driver shortages, funding constraints, and an insufficient number of routes to accommodate all students safely and efficiently. Your Committees conclude that a comprehensive review of existing bus stops on Hawaii Island used by school-aged children is necessary to identify deficiencies and develop recommendations for improvements.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Department of Education, Department of Transportation, and County of Hawaii collaborate with the Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee;
- (2) Clarifying that the Department of Education, Department of Transportation, and County of Hawaii is requested to develop recommendations and propose strategies to enhance the safety of bus stops;
- (3) Specifying that a certified copy of this measure be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee;
- (4) Amending its title accordingly; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and Education that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 117, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 117, S.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Transportation  
and Culture and the Arts and  
Education,



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MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



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CHRIS LEE, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SCR 117</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TCA/EDU</b>	Date: <b>4/1/2025</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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