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**Date:** 03/25/2025

**Time:** 09:10 AM

**Location:** 430 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

**Committee:** House Transportation

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

**Resolution Title:** HCR 0129 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO COLLABORATE TO PROPOSE VIABLE SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFIC SAFETY AND RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AROUND HAIKU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

**Department's Position:**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on HCR 129 regarding Haiku Elementary School.

Traffic congestion around Haiku Elementary is partly due to the school's location and the limited access via one single road, Pauwela Road. Establishing an additional pick-up and drop-off location at the Haiku Park Community Center may alleviate traffic congestion; however, it would require a coordinated effort from families and school staff.

Pedestrian safety near Haiku Elementary is also a concern, exacerbated by the lack of sidewalks and overgrowth of vegetation. A road assessment by the County of Maui may identify potential improvements, though such matters fall outside the Department's scope of responsibility.

The Department thanks the Committee for the opportunity to comment on HCR 129.

**HCR-129**

Submitted on: 3/21/2025 2:31:18 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/25/2025 9:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frank Schultz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this initiative.

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Submitted on: 3/23/2025 2:03:55 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/25/2025 9:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It's your job to save pedestrian lives in a state with egregious pedestrian danger, pedestrian injuries, and pedestrian deaths. You must do this regardless of cost, political unpopularity, and bureaucratic obstacles.

Leaders have vision before it's popular to do something different. Be leaders, not weathervanes. When people are led, they come to support better ways of living.

Best,  
Dylan P. Armstrong