
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a need in
2 the State for greater emphasis on pedestrian and bicycle safety.
3 Establishing routes to school where children may safely walk and
4 bicycle is especially important. The safe routes to school
5 program is designed to encourage and enable more children to
6 walk and bicycle to school safely, and the program has been
7 effectively used in other states. Communities that participate
8 in the program tailor a combination of engineering, enforcement,
9 education, and encouragement strategies to address the specific
10 needs of their schools.

11 The purposes of this Act are to establish a bicycle and
12 pedestrian safety program and to form an advisory committee
13 within the department of transportation to study implementation
14 of the safe routes to school program, which has been effectively
15 used in other states.

16 SECTION 2. Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a
17 new section to be appropriately designated and to read as
18 follows:



1 "§ - Bicycle and pedestrian safety program. (a) The
 2 department of transportation shall establish and maintain a
 3 bicycle and pedestrian safety program for adults and children.

4 (b) The program shall:

5 (1) Provide education to bicyclists and pedestrians
 6 concerning applicable laws;

7 (2) Provide safety education and training; and

8 (3) Provide information on the location throughout the
 9 State of walking paths and bicycle paths and roadways
 10 equipped with bicycle lanes."

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
 13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, to
 14 establish a bicycle and pedestrian safety program.

15 SECTION 4. (a) There is established within the department
 16 of transportation a temporary advisory committee to study ways
 17 to adopt and implement the safe routes to school program in
 18 communities in Hawaii.

19 (b) The temporary advisory committee shall include members
 20 as follows:

21 (1) The director of transportation or the director's
 22 designee;

1 (2) The state coordinator of the safe routes to school
2 program;

3 (3) The superintendent of education or the
4 superintendent's designee;

5 (4) Four members of the public representing the community,
6 to be appointed as follows: one each from Kauai and
7 Hawaii, appointed by the president of the senate; and
8 one each from Maui and Oahu, appointed by the speaker
9 of the house of representatives.

10 (c) The temporary advisory committee shall explore ways to
11 effectively implement and administer the safe routes to school
12 program in communities in Hawaii, including reviewing models
13 used in other jurisdictions.

14 (d) The members of the advisory committee shall select the
15 chairperson of the committee and shall serve without
16 compensation but be reimbursed for expenses, including travel
17 expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

18 (e) The advisory committee shall submit its findings and
19 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, not later
20 than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2008 regular
21 session.



1 (f) The advisory committee shall cease to exist on June
2 30, 2008.

3 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, for
6 the advisory committee to conduct research on the implementation
7 of the safe routes to school program and coordinate support
8 services and for the reimbursement of expenses for members.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
10 transportation for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval,
12 provided that sections 3 and 5 shall take effect on July 1,
13 2007.

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Report Title:

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety; Safe Routes to School Program

Description:

Establishes an advisory committee within the department of transportation to implement the safe routes to school program and a bicycle and pedestrian safety program for adults and children.

