A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-406, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
- 3 "(a) The department may provide suitable transportation to
- 4 and from school and for educational field trips for all children
- 5 in grades kindergarten to twelve and in special education
- 6 classes. The department shall adopt [such] any policy,
- 7 procedure, and program as it deems necessary to provide suitable
- 8 transportation. In formulating the policy, procedure, and
- 9 program, the department shall consider the school district; the
- 10 school attendance area in which a school child normally resides;
- 11 the distance the school child lives from the school; the
- 12 availability of public carriers or other means of
- 13 transportation; the frequency, regularity, and availability of
- 14 public transportation; and the grade level, physical handicap,
- 15 or special learning disability of a school child, and it may
- 16 also consider [such] any conditions and circumstances unique or
- 17 peculiar to a county or area. Changes to policies, procedures,

- 1 or programs adopted under this section shall be accomplished
- 2 pursuant to a process established by the department that shall
- 3 allow for the participation of stakeholders."
- 4 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

Report Title:

School Children; Transportation

Description:

Requires the department of education to provide procedures for amending policies or procedures regarding the suitable transportation to and from school and for educational field trips for all children in grades kindergarten to twelve and in special education classes. (SD1)