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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH A SAFE
ROUTES TO SCHOOL ADVISORY GROUP TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE
STATEWIDE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, transforming Hawaii's surface transportation
2 systems and infrastructure to prioritize walking, rolling,
3 bicycling, and public transit is at the nexus of the State's
4 commitments to public health, safety, economic vitality, and
5 environmental sustainability; and

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7 WHEREAS, the most important component of this
8 transformation is ensuring that every child in Hawaii enjoys the
9 infrastructure, social support, confidence, and skills to walk,
10 roll, bike, or bus to school; and

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12 WHEREAS, as a result of decades of automobile-centric
13 planning and development, there are formidable barriers to this
14 transformation; and

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16 WHEREAS, barriers include a lack of complete, safe, and
17 comfortable bike and pedestrian networks; burdensome and
18 complicated funding mechanisms for safe routes to school
19 programs and community engagement; a lack of a state safe routes
20 to school plan that creates performance measures, goals,
21 strategies, and accountability; and a lack of coordination among
22 state and county agencies and community-based organizations to
23 promote safe routes to school; and

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25 WHEREAS, bringing together invested state and county
26 agencies and community-based organizations to develop a
27 comprehensive statewide safe routes to school strategic plan
28 will both protect our keiki and also serve as a long-term
29 investment in the future of mobility; now, therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the



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1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
2 Transportation is urged to establish a Safe Routes to School
3 Advisory Group to develop a comprehensive statewide safe routes
4 to school strategic plan; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Advisory Group is requested to
7 advise the State on strategies to ensure that all children in
8 the State are able to safely bike, walk, roll, or bus to school
9 by developing a strategic plan that:

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11 (1) Identifies ways to stabilize the safe routes special
12 fund distribution mechanism;
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14 (2) Recommends strategies to streamline safe routes to
15 school program funding to make it easier for schools
16 and communities to apply for and receive funds;
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18 (3) Identifies and recommends funding mechanisms, planning
19 processes, and programming that are inclusive and
20 equitable; and
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22 (4) Recommends strategies to prioritize safe routes to
23 school programming serving students attending schools
24 that receive federal funds pursuant to Title I of the
25 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as
26 amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Group shall
29 consist of the following members or their designees:

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31 (1) The State of Hawaii Safe Routes to School Coordinator,
32 who shall serve as the chair of the Advisory Group;
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34 (2) The physical activity and nutrition coordinator within
35 the Department of Health;
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37 (3) The school wellness coordinator within the Department
38 of Health;
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40 (4) A representative of the Department of Education;
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42 (5) A representative of the Honolulu Police Department;



- 1 (6) A representative of the Kauai Police Department;
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- 3 (7) A representative of the Hawaii Police Department;
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- 5 (8) A representative of the Maui Police Department;
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- 7 (9) The City and County of Honolulu Safe Routes to School
- 8 coordinator;
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- 10 (10) The County of Kauai safe routes to school coordinator;
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- 12 (11) The County of Hawaii safe routes to school
- 13 coordinator;
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- 15 (12) The County of Maui safe routes to school coordinator;
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- 17 (13) A representative of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning
- 18 Organization;
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- 20 (14) A representative of the Maui Metropolitan Planning
- 21 Organization;
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- 23 (15) A representative of Papa Ola Lokahi, who shall be
- 24 invited to be a member by the Safe Routes to School
- 25 Coordinator;
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- 27 (16) A representative of the Hawaii Bicycling League, who
- 28 shall be invited to be a member by the Safe Routes to
- 29 School Coordinator; and
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- 31 (17) A representative of the Hawaii Public Health
- 32 Institute, who shall be invited to be a member by the
- 33 Safe Routes to School Coordinator; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Safe Routes to School
 36 Advisory Group is requested to submit to the Legislature:

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- 38 (1) A preliminary report no later than December 1, 2022;
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- 41 (2) A final report no later than December 1, 2023,
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1 of the actions taken and progress made by the Advisory Group,
2 including its findings and recommendations and any proposed
3 legislation; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Group is requested
6 to dissolve on June 30, 2024; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
10 Transportation; the Director of Health; the Superintendent of
11 Education; the State of Hawaii Safe Routes to School
12 Coordinator; the City and County of Honolulu Safe Routes to
13 School Coordinator; the County of Kauai Safe Routes to School
14 Coordinator; the County of Hawaii Safe Routes to School
15 Coordinator; the County of Maui Safe Routes to School
16 Coordinator; the Chief of the Honolulu Police Department; the
17 Chief of the Kauai Police Department; the Chief of the Hawaii
18 Police Department; the Chief of the Maui Police Department; the
19 Executive Director of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning
20 Organization; the Executive Director of the Maui Metropolitan
21 Planning Organization; the Executive Director of Papa Ola
22 Lokahi; the Executive Director of the Hawaii Bicycling League;
23 and the Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Public Health
24 Institute.

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