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SENATE 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,
33 that the Department of Transportation is urged to establish a
34 Safe Routes to School Advisory Group to develop a comprehensive
35 statewide safe routes to school strategic plan; and



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

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

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

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- 34 (1) A preliminary report no later than December 1, 2022;
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- 37 (2) A final report no later than December 1, 2023,
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- 39 of the actions taken and progress made by the Advisory Group,
- 40 including its findings and recommendations and any proposed
- 41 legislation; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Group is requested
2 to dissolve on June 30, 2024; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation; the
6 Director of Health; the Superintendent of Education; the State
7 of Hawaii Safe Routes to School Coordinator; the City and County
8 of Honolulu Safe Routes to School Coordinator; the County of
9 Kauai Safe Routes to School Coordinator; the County of Hawaii
10 Safe Routes to School Coordinator; the County of Maui Safe
11 Routes to School Coordinator; the Chief of the Honolulu Police
12 Department; the Chief of the Kauai Police Department; the Chief
13 of the Hawaii Police Department; the Chief of the Maui Police
14 Department; the Executive Director of the Oahu Metropolitan
15 Planning Organization; the Executive Director of the Maui
16 Metropolitan Planning Organization; the Executive Director of
17 Papa Ola Lokahi; the Executive Director of the Hawaii Bicycling
18 League; and the Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Public
19 Health Institute.
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