
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF HAWAII 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 safe
14 commuting which has resulted in significant danger to students;
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17 WHEREAS, barriers include a lack of complete, safe, and
18 comfortable bike and pedestrian networks; burdensome and
19 complicated funding mechanisms for safe routes to school
20 programs and community engagement; a lack of a state safe routes
21 to school plan that creates performance measures, goals,
22 strategies, and accountability; and a lack of coordination among
23 state and county agencies and community-based organizations to
24 promote safe routes to school; and
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26 WHEREAS, bringing together invested state and county
27 agencies and community-based organizations to develop a
28 comprehensive statewide safe routes to school strategic plan
29 will both protect our keiki and also serve as a long-term
30 investment in the future of mobility; now, therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,



1 that the government of Hawaii is urged to establish a Safe
2 Routes to School Advisory Group to develop a comprehensive
3 statewide safe routes to school strategic plan; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Group is requested
6 to advise the State on strategies to ensure that all children in
7 the State are able to safely and comfortably bike, walk, roll,
8 or bus to school by developing a strategic plan that:
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- 10 (1) Identifies ways to stabilize the safe routes special
11 fund distribution mechanism;
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- 13 (2) Recommends strategies to streamline safe routes to
14 school program funding to make it easier for schools
15 and communities to apply for and receive funds;
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- 17 (3) Identifies and recommends funding mechanisms, planning
18 processes, and programming that are inclusive and
19 equitable; and
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- 21 (4) Recommends strategies to prioritize safe routes to
22 school programming serving students attending schools
23 that receive federal funds pursuant to Title I of the
24 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as
25 amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Group shall
28 consist of the following members or their designees:
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- 30 (1) The State of Hawaii Safe Routes to School Coordinator;
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- 32 (2) A Director of Health designee having expertise on
33 state physical activity strategies;
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- 35 (3) A Director of Health designee having expertise on
36 state school health strategies;
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- 38 (4) A member of the Senate Standing Committee with
39 jurisdiction over transportation;
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- 41 (5) A member of the House of Representatives Standing
42 Committee with jurisdiction over transportation;



- (6) A representative of the Department of Education;
- (7) A representative of the Honolulu Police Department;
- (8) A representative of the Kauai Police Department;
- (9) A representative of the Hawaii Police Department;
- (10) A representative of the Maui Police Department;
- (11) The City and County of Honolulu Safe Routes to School coordinator;
- (12) The County of Kauai safe routes to school coordinator;
- (13) The County of Hawaii safe routes to school coordinator;
- (14) The County of Maui safe routes to school coordinator;
- (15) A representative of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization;
- (16) A representative of the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization;
- (17) A representative of Papa Ola Lokahi, who shall be invited to be a member by the chairperson;
- (18) A representative of the Hawaii Bicycling League, who shall be invited to be a member by the chairperson;
- (19) A representative of Aloha Care, who shall be invited to be a member by the chairperson;
- (20) A representative of the Hawaii Public Health Institute, who shall be invited to be a member by the chairperson; and
- (21) Any other members may be invited as deemed necessary by the advisory group; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Safe Routes to School
3 Advisory Group shall have the authority to select their own
4 chair; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Safe Routes to School
7 Advisory Group is requested to submit to the Legislature:

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9 (1) A preliminary report no later than December 1, 2022;
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12 (2) A final report no later than December 1, 2023,
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14 of the actions taken and progress made by the Advisory Group,
15 including its findings and recommendations and any proposed
16 legislation; and

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

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation;
23 Director of Health; Superintendent of Education; State of Hawaii
24 Safe Routes to School Coordinator; City and County of Honolulu
25 Safe Routes to School Coordinator; County of Kauai Safe Routes
26 to School Coordinator; County of Hawaii Safe Routes to School
27 Coordinator; County of Maui Safe Routes to School Coordinator;
28 Chief of the Honolulu Police Department; Chief of the Kauai
29 Police Department; Chief of the Hawaii Police Department; Chief
30 of the Maui Police Department; Executive Director of the Oahu
31 Metropolitan Planning Organization; Executive Director of the
32 Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization; Executive Director of
33 Papa Ola Lokahi; Executive Director of the Hawaii Bicycling
34 League; and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Public Health
35 Institute.

