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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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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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- (8) A representative of the Maui Police Department;
- (9) The City and County of Honolulu Safe Routes to School coordinator;
- (10) The County of Kauai safe routes to school coordinator;
- (11) The County of Hawaii safe routes to school coordinator;
- (12) The County of Maui safe routes to school coordinator;
- (13) A representative of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization;
- (14) A representative of the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization;
- (15) A representative of Papa Ola Lokahi, who shall be invited to be a member by the Safe Routes to School Coordinator;
- (16) A representative of the Hawaii Bicycling League, who shall be invited to be a member by the Safe Routes to School Coordinator; and
- (17) A representative of the Hawaii Public Health Institute, who shall be invited to be a member by the Safe Routes to School Coordinator; and

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

- (1) A preliminary report no later than December 1, 2022; and
- (2) A final report no later than December 1, 2023,

of the actions taken and progress made by the Advisory Group, including its findings and recommendations and any proposed legislation; and



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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