HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII H.C.R. NO. 177

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

## URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO ESTABLISH SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL.

WHEREAS, transforming Hawaii's surface transportation 1 systems and infrastructure to prioritize walking, rolling, 2 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 6 7 WHEREAS, the most important component of this transformation is ensuring that every child in Hawaii enjoys the 8 infrastructure, social support, confidence, and skills to walk, 9 roll, bike, or bus to school; and 10 11 WHEREAS, as a result of decades of automobile-centric 12 13 planning and development, there are formidable barriers to this transformation; and 14 15 WHEREAS, barriers include a lack of complete, safe, and 16 17 comfortable bike and pedestrian networks; burdensome and complicated funding mechanisms for safe routes to school 18 programs and community engagement; a lack of a state safe routes 19 to school plan that creates performance measures, goals, 20 strategies, and accountability; and a lack of coordination among 21 state and county agencies and community-based organizations to 22 promote safe routes to school; and 23 24 25 WHEREAS, providing students with a safe route to bike or 26 walk to school promotes their health and safety, which is especially crucial in rural and low socioeconomic communities 27 28 where there is a higher risk of pedestrian and bicycling 29 injuries; now, therefore, 30

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Transportation is urged to conduct a study to establish safe routes to school; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of 8 Transportation is requested to submit the results of the study, 9 including any findings, recommendations, and proposed 10 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior 11 to the Regular Session of 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
Transportation; Chairperson of the Board of Education; and
Superintendent of Education.

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