
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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, providing students with a safe route to bike or
26 walk to school promotes their health and safety, which is
27 especially crucial in rural and low socioeconomic communities
28 where there is a higher risk of pedestrian and bicycling
29 injuries; now, therefore,

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