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## Testimony of Leah Laramee Coordinator, Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission

# Before the House Committee on TRANSPORTATION

#### Tuesday, January 31, 2023 10:00 AM State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 312

#### In support of House Bill 600 RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

# House Bill 600 establishes the safe routes to school advisory committee and appropriates funds. The Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (Commission) offers the following comments in <u>support</u> of this measure.

Access to safe, accessible walkways and bikeways delivers on Hawai'i's climate, equity, and public health goals. The Commission's report Investing in Transportation Choices: Recommendations for Safe, Sustainable, Affordable, and Reliable Mobility states that projects to address dangerous intersections such as Safe Routes to Schools and Parks, traffic calming, and shared-use paths are underfunded in Hawai'i. The Commission recognizes we need more significant investments in pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities. Moving people around with safer and sustainable transportation options that integrate walking, bicycling, rolling, transit, and wheelchair use while connecting routes to all of a region's geographic areas can improve community development, foster economic revitalization, link people to the health care system, schools, and jobs, improve air quality and help address climate change.

There is no single solution to bettering built environments. Instead, community, state and federal governments, along with advocacy groups and community members, must work together to implement policies and guide investments that will allow for people to feel safe while navigating their cities and towns outside of personal vehicles. Establishing the safe routes to school advisory committee is a good first step in achieving this.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment in support of this measure.

JOSH GREEN, M.D. GOVERNOR OF HAWAI'I KE KIA'ĂINA O KA MOKU'ĂINA 'O HAWAI'I



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#### Testimony COMMENTING on H.B. 600 RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS TODD, CHAIR HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Hearing Date: January 31, 2023

Room Number: Conference room 312

1 Fiscal Implications: The Department of Health (DOH) defers to the Department of

2 Transportation (DOT) for fiscal implications of implementation.

3 Department Testimony: The DOH offers comments on House Bill 600 (H.B. 600) which

4 would establish the Safe Routes to school (SRTS) advisory committee to develop a

5 comprehensive statewide SRTS plan to advise the State on strategies to ensure that each child in

6 the State is able to safely, bike, walk, roll, or bus to that child's respective school and

7 appropriates funds for the DOT to hire additional staffing, procure facilities and equipment

8 necessary to support the SRTS advisory committee, and match federal funding for sidewalks.

9 The DOH offers amendments to clarify the DOH advisory committee designee.

10 Physical activity is essential to the development of the whole child and in establishing positive

11 health behaviors throughout the lifespan.<sup>1</sup> In 2019, just 13% of Hawaii High School students

12 and 17% of Hawaii Middle School students met the federal guidelines for physical activity.<sup>2,3</sup>

13 SRTS programs create communities where children and people of all ages can walk, bike, and

<sup>1</sup> Elliott, E., Greenberg, J., Battista, R., Guerrero, H.G. (2021). Physical Activity Recommendations for Children and Adolescents: More Important Than Ever. US Physical Activity Alliance. Washington, DC: US.

<sup>2</sup> Hawaii State Departments of Health and Education, Hawaii Health Data Warehouse, Youth Risk Behavior Survey. '[Physical activity - meet federal guidelines, High Schools, State-level, 2019].' Hawaii-IBIS http://ibis.hhdw.org/ibisph-view. Accessed on [January 27, 2023].

<sup>3</sup> Hawaii State Departments of Health and Education, Hawaii Health Data Warehouse, Youth Risk Behavior Survey. '[Physical Activity - meet federal guidelines, Middle Schools, State-Level, 2019].' Hawaii-IBIS http://ibis.hhdw.org/ibisph-view. Accessed on [January 27, 2023]. roll safely and are associated with increased active transportation, including an increase in the
number of students walking or biking to and from school.

3 While state level data is limited, the proportion of students across the United States from

4 kindergarten to grade eight who walk or bike to school fell from 48% in 1969 to only 13% in

5 2009.<sup>4</sup> A 2014 evaluation of several state-level SRTS projects found that they were associated

6 with significant increases in active school travel (from 12.9 percent to 17.6 percent), walking

7 (from 9.8 percent to 14.2 percent) and bicycling (from 2.5 percent to 3.0 percent).<sup>5</sup> SRTS efforts

8 are also important for advancing equity to create safer conditions for children and families with

9 disabilities or who live in low-income neighborhoods.<sup>6</sup>

10 H.B. 600 is aligned with the DOH Healthy Hawaii Strategic Plan 2030 and addresses the physical activity objectives to increase the miles of low stress bicycle and pedestrian 11 12 infrastructure across the state, and for the state and each county to identify and adopt mode-share goals and measurements that prioritize walking, wheelchairs, and bicycling. The DOH supports 13 14 the implementation of the Department of Education (DOE) Wellness Guidelines and conducts a 15 yearly Safety and Wellness Survey that evaluates the implementation of the guidelines in all DOE schools. The DOE Wellness Guidelines include objectives to support active transport by 16 encouraging students and staff to walk and/or bike to school. 17

The DOH looks forward to continued collaboration with the DOT and commits to
actively participate in the SRTS advisory committee if established, to ensure that health metrics
and health equity are included in any performance measures.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> McDonald, N.C., Brown, A.L., Marchetti, L.M., & Pedroso, M.S. (2011). U.S. school travel, 2009 an assessment of trends. American Journal of Preventive Medicine, 41(2), 146–51. doi: 10.1016/j.amepre.2011.04.006

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Stewart O, Moudon AV, Claybrooke C. Multistate evaluation of Safe Routes to School Programs. Am J Health Promotion 2014;28(Suppl 3): S89–96.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Zimmerman S, Lieberman M, Kramer K, Sadler B. At the intersection of active transportation and equity: Joining forces to make communities healthier and fairer. 2015.

# **1 Offered Amendments:**

2 3	Section 2, Page 5, delete line 1 through 2 and replace with the language below:
4	(2) A representative of the department of health having
5	expertise on state physical activity and school health
6	strategies.

JOSH GREEN, M.D. GOVERNOR



KEITH T. HAYASHI SUPERINTENDENT

STATE OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION KA 'OIHANA HO'ONA'AUAO P.O. BOX 2360 HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96804

> Date: 01/31/2023 Time: 10:00 AM Location: 312 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE Committee: House Transportation

Department:	Education
Person Testifying:	Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education
Title of Bill:	HB 0600 RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL.
Purpose of Bill:	Establishes the safe routes to school advisory committee within the Planning Branch of the Highways Division of the Department of Transportation. Appropriates moneys.

#### **Department's Position:**

The Hawaii State Department of Education supports HB 600 and its goal to secure safe routes for biking, rolling, walking, and public transit to Hawaii's public schools but defers to the Department of Transportation as to the viability of establishing a committee within their department.

Establishing a work group with one full-time coordinator provides an opportunity for a focused effort on a strategic plan with a wider array of transportation options that service various group and scenarios.

Pursuant to Section 8-27-4, Hawaii Administrative Rules, elementary students that live within one mile of their home school and secondary students that live within one and half miles of their home school are not eligible for transportation. This measure has the potential to provide safe and secure alternatives for getting to and from school for those that live within the walk zone and are not eligible for transportation. Families are often uncomfortable allowing their children to walk alone, but are unable to walk with them because of employment obligations or other factors. Families living within the walk zone will choose to drive their children to school instead, which causes chronic traffic congestion during morning and afternoon drop off.

Transportation to and from school is also a common barrier to full participation for

students in unstable housing or students identified as homeless under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Existing transportation options do not always meet the needs of these students, especially if rides are needed before and after school to participate fully in non-school hour programming.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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JOSH GREEN, M.D. GOVERNOR



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January 31, 2023 10:00 A.M. State Capitol, Room #312, Videoconference

### H.B. 600 RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **opposes** H.B. 600, which establishes a safe routes to school (SRTS) advisory committee within the DOT to advise the State on strategies to ensure that each child is able to safely bike, walk, roll or bus to school, and appropriates funds to hire additional staff, and procure facilities and equipment for the SRTS advisory committee.

The significant majority of schools, roughly eighty-five percent, in Hawaii are not on the State Highways system; consequently, SRTS projects around schools should be led by the counties. This proposed new advisory committee would result in the DOT directing priorities to the counties, rather than the counties directing programs based on their priorities and community needs.

For the schools on the State Highways system, the DOT has an existing bicycle and pedestrian program that uses an ongoing technical process coupled with community and public input to identify needs and priorities, and develop recommended projects. Proximity to schools and other destinations is a key component in setting bicycle and pedestrian program priorities as set forth in documents such as the Bike Plan Hawaii Refresh and the Statewide Pedestrian Master Plan. Currently, all bicycle and pedestrian projects that are underway or in development are within one mile of a school. Seventy-nine percent of the existing DOT bikeways are within one mile of a school. Ninety-four percent of pedestrian improvements implemented from the Statewide Pedestrian Master Plan have been within 1 mile of a school. Last year, as reported in the DOT Act 100 legislative report, more than \$45 million was expended for bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

The DOT bicycle and pedestrian program conducts regular monthly and quarterly coordination meetings with the primary bicycle advocacy group in each district. The Bike Plan Hawaii Refresh, recently updated in 2022, based needs and priorities on feasibility, safety, connectivity and accessibility, as well as thorough input from our technical stakeholder coordination meetings and a statewide survey.

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In addition, the public has been invited to participate in an online statewide traffic safety survey that will remain open through 2023 to provide input and recommendations on enforcement, education and infrastructure needs for all modes of travel in their community. Creating an additional system to prioritize and program bicycle and pedestrian projects would generate a disconnect in our planning processes.

For the reasons stated above, the DOT does not recommend establishing a SRTS advisory committee, or funding for additional staff, facilities and equipment. This measure would duplicate our bicycle and pedestrian program efforts and be inefficient in achieving SRTS goals statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

#### HB-600 Submitted on: 1/29/2023 1:49:54 PM Testimony for TRN on 1/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
John Rogers	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd Chair Kila

As the Transportation cochair on the Ewa Neighborhood Board I strongly support HB600 which would establish a safe routes to school advisory committee to develop a safe routes to school plan and appropriate moneys to hire a safe routes to school program coordinator. As someone who has attempted to work within the existing system to develop safe routes to school strategies within the Campbell Complex, it has proven to be very frustrating not having a unified vision between the different schools within the complex. I see HB600 as a first step to providing the tools to build consensus and develop a unified strategic plan. The second step will require providing the oversight and authority to implement the plan.

Best Regards,

John Rogers

Ewa Neighborhood Board Transportation Committee Co-chair

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January 31, 2023

The Honorable Chris Todd, Chair and Members Committee on Transportation House of Representatives Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street, Room 312 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Todd and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 600, Relating to Safe Routes to School

I am Michael Campbell, Acting Captain of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No. 600, Relating to Safe Routes to School.

The HPD supports the proposal to establish a safe routes to school advisory committee and all measures that increase the safety of pedestrians.

The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 600, Relating to Safe Routes to School.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**APPROVED**:

Sincerely,

Michael Campbell, Acting Captain Traffic Division

Arthur J. Logan Chief of Police

Serving With Integrity, Respect, Fairness, and the Aloha Spirit



# Testimony to the House Committee on Transportation Tuesday, January 31, 2023; 10:00 a.m. State Capitol; Conference Room 312 Via Videoconference

# RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 0600, RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL.

Chair TODD, Vice Chair KILA, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA) is a 501(c)(3) organization established to advocate for, expand access to, and sustain high quality care through the statewide network of Community Health Centers throughout the State of Hawaii. The HPCA <u>SUPPORTS</u> House Bill No. 0600, RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL.

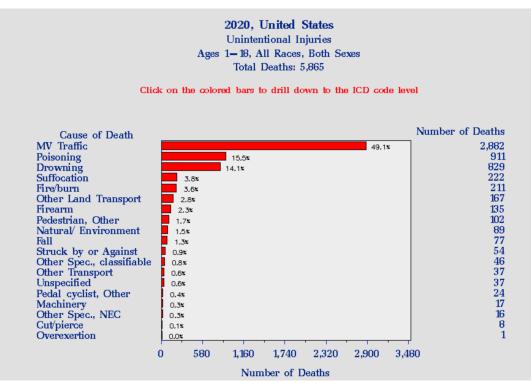
By way of background, the HPCA represents Hawaii's Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). FQHCs provide desperately needed medical services at the frontlines to over 150,000 patients each year who live in rural and underserved communities. Long considered champions for creating a more sustainable, integrated, and wellness-oriented system of health, FQHCs provide a more efficient, more effective and more comprehensive system of healthcare.

This measure, as received by your Committee, would:

- (1) Establish the safe routes to school advisory committee to develop a comprehensive statewide safe routes to school plan to develop strategies that would allow each child in the State to safely bike, walk, roll, or bus to school;
- (2) Appropriate an unspecified amount of general funds for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, to hire one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) safe routes to school program coordinator position, procure necessary facilities and equipment, and match federal funds related to sidewalks; and
- (3) Take effect on July 1, 2023.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the leading cause of death for persons aged 1 to 18 in the United States in 2020 was unintentional injury, of which by more than 30% differential, motor vehicle traffic accidents was the leading cause.

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(See, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, https://wisqars.cdc.gov/fatal-leading.)

Among adolescents aged 15-19 years in Hawaii, unintentional injury is the leading cause of death, accounting for more than 40% of all deaths in this age group. The majority of these are motor vehicle-related, followed by accidental drowning and poisoning. (<u>See</u>, Hawaii Health Matters, https://www.hawaiihealthmatters.org/indicators/index/view?indicatorId=2420&localeId=14.)

Because of this, it is essential that the State identify ways of reducing the occurrence of traffic accidents and ensure that Hawaii's keiki are able to go to and from school safely at all times. <u>As such,</u> the HPCA urges your favorable consideration of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Public Affairs and Policy Director Erik K. Abe at 536-8442, or eabe@hawaiipca.net.



Email: <a href="mailto:communications@ulupono.com">communications@ulupono.com</a>

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION Tuesday, January 31, 2023 — 10:00 a.m.

# Ulupono Initiative <u>supports</u> HB 600, Relating to Safe Routes to School.

Dear Chair Todd and Members of the Committee:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food, renewable energy and clean transportation choices, and better management of freshwater resources.

**Ulupono** <u>supports</u> HB 600, which establishes the safe routes to school advisory committee within the Planning Branch of the Highways Division of the Department of Transportation.

Although current transportation planning and decision-making have provided important safe routes to school (SRTS) projects and have added facilities through Complete Streets approaches, many schools remain less accessible for keiki walking or rolling to school. The lack of complete, safe and comfortable bike and pedestrian networks puts keiki at risk. An <u>analysis of Hawai'i EMS calls</u> found that pedestrian and bicycling injuries to children are most likely to occur during the hours they are traveling to and from school.<sup>1</sup> Overall, walking and biking in Hawai'i have gotten progressively more dangerous in the last 20 years, and we are now ranked the 12<sup>th</sup> most dangerous state to walk and bike.<sup>2</sup>

Other states have made firm commitments to protect children's school trips. For example, Colorado dedicates more than \$2.5 million per year in both infrastructure and programmatic monies. These projects range from new sidewalks, lighting and trails, to softer solutions like walking school buses, maps and trip trackers to encourage healthier active living. The more we can support affordable options for keiki to get to school and protect them when they are walking and rolling, the better off our communities will be.

One recommendation we would like to see in this bill is a mechanism to release the \$1.5 million (and growing) that is currently in the safe routes special fund to the counties as outlined in HRS § 291-16. Our understanding is that, per statute, these funds should be going to the counties and historically has helped fund SRTS programs at the county level.

#### Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://www.hiphi.org/srts2022/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>https://smartgrowthamerica.org/dangerous-by-design/</u>



However, to our knowledge, the funds have not been distributed since the passage of Act 9, Special Session 2021, despite the submission of reports by the counties . We are hopeful that this issue can be addressed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata Director of Government Affairs



Date: January 30, 2023

- To: Representative Chris Todd, Chair Representative Darius K. Kila, Vice Chair Members of the Committee on Transportation
- Re: Support for HB 600, Relating to Safe Routes to School
- Hrg: Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 10:00 AM

The Obesity Prevention Task Force (OPTF), a program of Hawai'i Public Health Institute<sup>i</sup> (HIPHI), is in **support of HB 600**, which establishes a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Advisory Board and funds a full-time SRTS coordinator position within the Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT).

#### The lack of safe routes to school puts keiki at risk.

Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) appreciates the opportunity to provide SUPPORT for **HB 600**. This measure establishes a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) advisory committee to coordinate with the State Department of Transportation and other invested stakeholders to create a comprehensive, statewide SRTS strategic plan. **HB 600** also provides for a statewide SRTS Coordinator, a position dedicated to facilitating the SRTS strategic plan and building interdepartmental bridges. Ultimately, HIPHI supports HB600 because a strategic, outcome-based approach to SRTS is necessary to take full advantage of state funds and federal funding coming to Hawai'i through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). This opportunity is a historic way to invest in creating safe, accessible, and inclusive active transportation options for our keiki and future generations.

The State of Hawai'i has aggressive climate, health, and equity goals. **HB 600** is one policy that will help Hawai'i:

- 1. Support safe places for keiki to walk, bike, and roll to school;
- 2. Reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2045 (State Climate Commission Goal);
- 3. Increase the total miles of low-stress pedestrian infrastructure by 50 miles (Department of Health); and
- 4. Eliminate disparate outcomes by race and ethnicity across all sectors.

#### **HIPHI Board**

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Community Health Worker Initiative

COVID-19 Response

Hawai'i Drug & Alcohol Free Coalitions

Hawaiʻi Farm to School Hui

Hawai'i Oral Health Coalition

Hawai'i Public Health Training Hui

Healthy Eating + Active Living

Kūpuna Collective

**HB 600** is important because it dedicates a committee, a program coordinator, a strategic plan, and frees up funding to build safe, accessible, and inclusive places for keiki to walk and roll. **HB 600** will positively impact our communities and future generations.

For the above reasons, OPTF urges the committees to **PASS HB 600.** Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Mahalo,

Peggy Mierzwa

Peggy Mierzwa Advocacy & Policy Director Hawaii Public Health Institute

# HB-600 Submitted on: 1/27/2023 7:53:32 PM Testimony for TRN on 1/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Wast of Money. Stop wasting Tax payer Money!!!

#### HB-600 Submitted on: 1/29/2023 4:53:07 PM Testimony for TRN on 1/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Eduardo Hernandez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd and Vice-Chair Kila

Transforming Hawaii's surface transportation systems and infrastructure to prioritize walking, rolling, bicycling, and public transit is at the nexus of the State's commitments to public health, public safety, economic vitality, and environmental sustainability.

The most important component of this transformation is ensuring that every child in Hawaii enjoys the infrastructure, social support, confidence, and skills to walk, roll, bike, or bus to school.

**I urge you to pass HB 600** as a key affirmation and essential next step to protect keiki going to school and build awareness for safely sharing roads equitably for all across Hawaii.

Thank you,

Eduardo Hernandez

Resident, cyclist and voter in House District 26

#### HB-600 Submitted on: 1/30/2023 8:37:14 AM Testimony for TRN on 1/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Julie Reyes Oda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a public school teacher and public school mom writing to support HB600. As the Hawai'i DOT's website states, Safe Routes to Schools supports "projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools." Improving traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution around our school campuses are good, but make sure to include a few things:

First, please ensure that there is oversight, and develop a statewide committee to create a plan with clear goals. Second, to execute that plan, hire a statewide coordinator to support projects and programming. Last, Hawai'i needs to get all of the federal funds that we are entitled to through the Fed Dept of Transportation that is marked for Safe Route to Schools efforts.

Thank you so much for hearing this bill!

#### <u>HB-600</u>

Submitted on: 1/30/2023 10:42:17 AM Testimony for TRN on 1/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Pili Valderrama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Supporting the following for safer roads to schools:

- 1. Develop a statewide committee that will be responsible for creating Safe Routes to School strategic plan with clear goals.
- 2. Create a position for a statewide coordinator who will be able to support local communities in delivering equity-focused Safe Routes to Schools projects and programming.
- 3. Ensure Hawaii will be able to take full advantage of all the money that comes through the Federal Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School efforts.

#### <u>HB-600</u>

Submitted on: 1/30/2023 8:15:46 PM Testimony for TRN on 1/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
cheryl B.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I SUPPORT HB 600 which establishes the safe routes to school advisory committee within the Planning Branch of the Highways Division of the Department of Transportation. Appropriates moneys. It is especially important that moneys be allocated. My question would be how will those members of the committee be chosen?

#### <u>HB-600</u>

Submitted on: 1/31/2023 9:10:11 AM Testimony for TRN on 1/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Nanea Lo. I'm born and raised in the Hawaiian Kingdom a Kanaka Maoli.

I'm writing in SUPPORT of HB600.

Which establishes the safe routes to school advisory committee within the Planning Branch of the Highways Division of the Department of Transportation and appropriates moneys. This is important!

me ke aloha 'āina,

Nanea Lo