

**HR-171**

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Comments:

Aloha, I am not sure that a comprehensive plan as proposed by this Resolution would be sufficient, unless it specially addressed the issue of shortage of bus drivers, the essential cause for the cutback of school bus services. It may be more appropriate to call on the Dept of Labor and Industrial Relations to come up with a comprehensive plan to address the shortage of school bus drivers.

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Comments:

As the grandfather of school bus-eligible public school students in Pearl City, I support HCR191 and HR171. The Department of Education does need comprehensive plans to provide busing for students.

Furthermore, these plans should be made in consultation with parents, the communities, and county bus systems. We want to avoid “last week” changes to, and dropping of, routes as happened at the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

And as a related matter, Leeward Community College should be encouraged to accelerate the inclusion of school bus driver training in its existing Commercial Driver License program.

Please pass the resolutions.

Mahalo, Dan Smith