
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF KIPAPA ELEMENTARY STUDENTS USING SCHOOL CROSSWALKS.

1 WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
2 reports that 7,522 pedestrians were killed and 67,000
3 pedestrians were injured in traffic accidents in 2022; and
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5 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal
6 Highway Administration recommends implementing visibility
7 enhancements, such as signage and lighting, in high traffic
8 areas where standard crosswalks are insufficient; and
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10 WHEREAS, implementing speed bumps can lead to a forty per
11 cent reduction in speed, leading to a sixty per cent reduced
12 risk of automobile injury or death; and
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14 WHEREAS, Kuahelani Avenue connects to a major highway and
15 serves as a main thoroughfare through Mililani, resulting in
16 increased traffic and potentially dangerous speeds; and
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18 WHEREAS, Kipapa Elementary School features a particularly
19 dangerous crosswalk in a high traffic area on Kuahelani Avenue;
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22 WHEREAS, leading up to the crosswalk, Kuahelani Avenue
23 features a curve and a high volume of parked vehicles which
24 blind drivers to the upcoming pedestrians; and
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26 WHEREAS, while the crosswalk features painted stripes and
27 crossing guards, these measures are insufficient to protect
28 against the dangers of the road; and
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1 WHEREAS, Kipapa Elementary School's Kuahelani crosswalk
 2 could significantly benefit from the visibility enhancement
 3 measures recommended by the federal Department of
 4 Transportation; now, therefore,

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 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 7 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 8 of 2025, the Department of Transportation, Department of
 9 Education, and City and County of Honolulu are urged to
 10 implement visibility enhancement measures on the Kuahelani
 11 Avenue crosswalk at Kipapa Elementary School; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that warning signage should be
 14 implemented on the road leading up to the crosswalk, especially
 15 prior to the curve of Kuahelani Avenue; and

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 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that speed bumps and corresponding
 18 signage should be constructed near the crosswalk to encourage
 19 drivers to reduce their speed and warn them of upcoming hazards;
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 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a "STOP Here for Pedestrians"
 23 sign should be installed up to fifty feet in advance of the
 24 crosswalk; and

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 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kipapa Elementary crosswalk
 27 should be outfitted with a solar-powered, rapid flashing
 28 crosswalk sign to alert drivers of pedestrians; and

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 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 31 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation,
 32 Superintendent of Education, Chairperson of the Board of
 33 Education, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and
 34 Chairperson of the Honolulu City Council.

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