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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that over the past five
2 years, the rideshare industry has experienced substantial growth
3 nationally and in the State, transforming the way people commute
4 and navigate. This paradigm shift is evident in cities like
5 Boston, where the sheer volume of rideshare rides reached a
6 staggering \$45,000,000 in 2022 alone. As ridesharing continues
7 to grow, its impact is felt more and more in Hawaii's
8 communities and on its roads. In Hawaii, a state heavily
9 reliant on tourism, rideshare services are often utilized by
10 visitors. Visitors and rideshare platforms should contribute
11 more to address the infrastructure and road safety issues they
12 exacerbate and help alleviate the burden on local residents of
13 improving and maintaining roads and infrastructure, especially
14 around schools.

15 The legislature further finds that implementing a fee has
16 been successful for funding infrastructure in other states like
17 Minnesota. Hawaii has the potential to create a self-sustaining



1 model where those benefiting the most from rideshare services
2 contribute directly to the maintenance, enhancements and safety
3 of the transportation infrastructure they utilize. This
4 approach not only aligns with broader initiatives to promote
5 responsible tourism, but also represents a responsible means of
6 addressing the evolving challenges posed by the proliferation of
7 rideshare services in the State.

8 The purpose of this Act is to implement a fee on each
9 rideshare ride to support the safe routes to school program.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 279G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
12 and to read as follows:

13 "§279G- Rideshare fee. (a) There is levied and shall
14 be assessed and collected a rideshare fee of \$ _____ on each
15 ride originated through a rideshare application. The rideshare
16 fee shall be levied upon the rider.

17 (b) Each rideshare platform shall collect and remit the
18 required rideshare fees to the department of taxation.

19 (c) All fees collected under this section shall be
20 deposited in the safe routes to school program special fund
21 established pursuant to section 291C-4."



1 SECTION 3. Section 291C-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§291C-4 Safe routes to school program special fund;**
4 **establishment.** There is established in the state treasury the
5 safe routes to school program special fund, into which shall be
6 deposited:

7 (1) Assessments collected for speeding in a school zone,
8 pursuant to section 291C-104; [~~and~~]

9 (2) Safe routes to school program surcharges collected in
10 accordance with sections 291-16 and 291C-5[~~-~~]; and

11 (3) Ridesharing fees collected in accordance with section
12 279G- ."

13 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 1196

Report Title:

Ridesharing Arrangements; Safe Routes to School Program Special Fund; Fees

Description:

Establishes a ridesharing fee. Deposits fees collected into the Safe Routes to School Program Special Fund.

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