
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTIES TO INTEGRATE THE SAFE SYSTEM APPROACH INTO ROAD AND TRANSPORTATION DESIGN, ESPECIALLY WHEN REDUCING OR ELIMINATING OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS, TO INCREASE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

1 WHEREAS, to facilitate increased housing development, the
2 counties have reduced or removed off-street parking requirements
3 for certain developments, which, in turn, has caused the demand
4 for on-street parking to increase substantially; and
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6 WHEREAS, many narrow streets and rural roads do not have
7 paved sidewalks for children, their parents, and other residents
8 to use when traversing their neighborhoods and traveling to
9 schools, parks, businesses, and other community spaces; and
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11 WHEREAS, the sides of these narrow streets and rural roads
12 are often obstructed by parked cars due to the increased demand
13 for on-street parking, which forces children, families, and
14 residents to walk on the roadways; and
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16 WHEREAS, drivers are often unable to see young children
17 over the hoods of their parked cars, creating dangerous and
18 potentially fatal situations; and
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20 WHEREAS, vehicles are a necessity for many residents who
21 must commute long distances or transport tools for work; and
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23 WHEREAS, vehicles are also necessary for residents who must
24 transport elderly or disabled friends and relatives; and
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26 WHEREAS, the elimination of off-street parking must be
27 balanced with the counties' investment in infrastructure that
28 prioritizes pedestrian safety, acknowledges the unique needs of
29 blue-collar commuters, and addresses the transportation needs of
30 kupuna; and
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32 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation has
33 adopted the Safe System Approach as a guiding paradigm to



1 address roadway safety and protect the most vulnerable users of
2 transportation systems; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Safe System Approach builds on and reinforces
5 multiple layers of protection to prevent crashes from happening
6 and to minimize harm when crashes do occur; and

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8 WHEREAS, to create safer roads, the Safe System Approach
9 recommends that roadways be designed to mitigate human mistakes
10 and to account for injury tolerances using proven safety
11 countermeasures such as crosswalk visibility enhancements,
12 medians and pedestrian refuge islands, bicycle lanes, and rumble
13 strips; and

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15 WHEREAS, the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
16 established the Safe Streets and Roads for All competitive grant
17 program, which appropriated \$5,000,000,000 over five years, from
18 fiscal years 2022 to 2026, to fund regional, local, and Tribal
19 initiatives through grants to prevent roadway fatalities and
20 serious injuries using Safe System Approach principles; and

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22 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2023, Hawaii was awarded
23 \$18,630,400 in grants through the Safe Streets and Roads for All
24 program to fund various projects to improve roadway and
25 pedestrian safety in all four counties; and

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27 WHEREAS, Hawaii was awarded an additional \$3,850,000 in
28 grants through the Safe Streets and Roads for All program for
29 fiscal year 2024 for pedestrian and bikeway safety projects in
30 the City and County of Honolulu; and

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32 WHEREAS, the counties must further prioritize the Safe
33 System Approach to protect pedestrians, especially when
34 off-street parking requirements are reduced or eliminated; now,
35 therefore,

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37 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
38 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
39 of 2026, that the counties are urged to integrate the Safe
40 System Approach into road and transportation design, especially
41 when reducing or eliminating off-street parking requirements, to
42 increase pedestrian safety; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of each county;
3 Chairperson of each County Council; and the Director of each
4 county department having jurisdiction over transportation
5 planning.
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OFFERED BY:

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