

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 , 2026

RE: S.B. No. 3234  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 3234, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds out of the State Highway Fund for the Department of Transportation to install all-way crosswalks at sites abutting school properties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Department of Education; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; Department of Transportation Services for the City and County of Honolulu; Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Hawai'i Bicycling League; and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that traffic fatalities and serious injuries on Hawaii's roadways remain a significant public safety concern, particularly for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians. Many pedestrian crashes occur in areas with high foot traffic, including locations near schools, where students and families regularly walk to access educational facilities and nearby services. Because targeted pedestrian safety improvements can significantly reduce the risk of crashes and improve safety



for pedestrians and motorists alike, this measure provides for the installation of pedestrian safety improvements at sites abutting school properties to promote safer travel routes and enhance protections for students and other pedestrians accessing school grounds.

Your Committee further finds that the companion to this measure, H.B. No. 2415, H.D. 2 (Regular Session of 2026), was previously passed by your Committee.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting the contents of H.B. No. 2415, H.D. 2, a measure that:
  - (A) Includes findings related to 2025 Hawaii traffic fatalities;
  - (B) Is in honor of Tehya Mahelona;
  - (C) Appropriates funds out of the State Highway Fund, Safe Routes to School Program Special Fund, and general funds for the Department of Transportation to install pedestrian safety improvements at sites abutting school properties, with consideration for other sites; and
  - (D) Clarifies the conditions for the installation of pedestrian safety improvements at sites abutting school properties; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider appropriating a total of \$5,000,000 for the installation of pedestrian safety improvements.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3234, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass



Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3234, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Education.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Transportation,



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DARIUS KILA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 3234 SD2	Committee Referral: TRN, EDN, FIN	Date: 3/17/26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KILA, Darius K. (C)	✓			
2. MIYAKE, Tyson K. (VC)	✓			
3. COCHRAN, Elle	✓			
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.	✓			
5. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada	✓			
6. KITAGAWA, Lisa	✓			
7. LA CHICA, Trish	✓			
8. MURAOKA, Christopher L.	✓			
9. PIERICK, Elijah	✓			
TOTAL (9)	9	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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