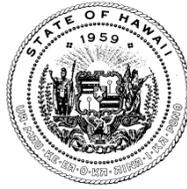


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9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, 430

HB2415
RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY

House Committee on Transportation

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) supports the intent of H.B. No. 2415, which appropriates funds for the installation of all-way crosswalks at sites abutting school properties. While all-way crosswalks improve pedestrian visibility, they represent only one of several strategies for improving pedestrian safety. Each potential location should be evaluated to determine the most appropriate safety improvements to implement.

All-way crosswalks are highly effective in areas with exceptionally high foot traffic, such as in Waikiki at Kalakaua Avenue and Lewers Street, or Ala Moana Boulevard at Hobron Lane and Kalia Road, where large volumes of pedestrians cross in multiple directions, justifying the need for an all-way crossing phase to eliminate vehicle-pedestrian conflicts. However, crosswalks and intersections abutting school properties may not experience the same level of pedestrian volume as these locations.

When developing and funding traffic improvements, HDOT prioritizes intersections and areas based on objective criteria, including crash history and assessed risk levels. We also utilize the HDOT Safety Analytics platform, a data-driven tool that enhances roadway safety through advanced analytics, visualization, and predictive insights. It leverages spatial analysis to transform historical and real-time data into actionable strategies for safer infrastructure. In addition, HDOT is accelerating delivery of our priority multimodal network, with over \$300 million in bicycle and pedestrian projects over the next 10 years. Multimodal network project prioritization considered proximity to schools and areas with higher concentrations of youth. The DOT recognizes that pedestrian safety near schools is a shared responsibility, and investing in proper crosswalk infrastructure helps reduce the risk of crashes and enhances community confidence in safe travel routes.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.



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Date: 02/05/2026

Time: 09:30 AM

Location: 430 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Committee: TRN

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB2415, RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY.

Purpose of Bill: Appropriates moneys to the Department of Transportation to install all-way crosswalks at sites abutting school properties.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 2415 appropriating funds to the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) to install all-way crosswalks at sites abutting school property.

HB 2415 strengthens student safety by addressing one of the highest-risk areas for students - crossing busy streets near schools. All-way crosswalks reduce conflict between vehicles and pedestrians and create predictable crossing conditions, critical for students who may have difficulty judging traffic movement. This simple, effective infrastructure protects students during the most dangerous times of day - morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

The bill aligns with Safe Routes to School objectives by improving walkability, reducing near-misses, and encouraging healthier, safer travel to campus. Importantly, HB 2415 enables proactive, rather than reactive, safety improvements by allowing HDOT to identify and upgrade high-risk school-adjacent intersections before injuries occur.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill.



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HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Thursday - February 5, 2026 - 9:30am

Hawai'i Bicycling League Strongly Supports HB 2415, relating to Traffic Safety

Aloha Chair Kila, Vice Chair Miyake, and members of the Committee,

My name is Eduardo Hernandez and I am the Advocacy Director of the Hawai'i Bicycling League (HBL). We are a non-profit organization founded in 1975 with the mission of enabling more people to ride bicycles for health, recreation, and transportation. We strive to create communities across our islands that have safe, accessible, and inclusive environments for people to bike, walk, and roll.

HBL strongly supports HB 2415, to fund the installation of all-way crosswalks at sites abutting school properties. This is an essential investment in safety to especially protect vulnerable road users and everyone who attends, visits, or works at public schools across Hawai'i. All-way crosswalks enhance visibility by stopping all vehicular traffic in an intersection to allow for pedestrians and people biking and rolling to proceed.

Given that 2025 was one of the deadliest years in decades on Hawai'i roads, it is imperative to take bold action to influence public behavior change and raise awareness for vulnerable road users and their rights to safely get to and from schools. This bill is one key example that can be implemented to protect people crossing streets near schools and elevate public policy discussions to influence behavior change across the board.

Biking, walking, rolling, and using public transit are threads of a public safety net that protects everyone. This bill is a step toward creating practical solutions for youth and families to adopt safer behaviors and transportation routines and learn about multimodal options to get to school and work.

HBL urges you to support this bill and help leverage the safety benefits it presents so that individuals and families can be better protected on their way to and from school. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

S/Eduardo Hernandez

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HB-2415

Submitted on: 2/3/2026 8:07:51 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/5/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jonathan Huynh	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support this bill because it is a common-sense piece of legislation that improves safety for keiki, parents, and all roadway users by installing all-way crosswalks in the vicinity of schools. Children should feel safe walking and biking to school and should not have to rely solely on being driven to school. This bill takes a step in that direction by increasing the safety of the road fronting the school.

Mahalo,

Jonathan Huynh