



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Date: 03/31/2026

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: 430 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Committee: TRN

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HCR58, URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF MILILANI IKE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS USING SCHOOL CROSSWALKS.

Purpose of Bill: Urging The Department Of Transportation, Department Of Education, And City And County Of Honolulu To Ensure The Safety Of Mililani ike Elementary Students Using School Crosswalks.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on HCR 58, urging state and county agencies to ensure the safety of Mililani Ike Elementary students using crosswalks near campus.

The Department is committed to ensuring the safety of all students and staff. We recognize the importance of interagency collaboration and support coordinated efforts with the Department of Transportation and City and County of Honolulu to strengthen pedestrian safety measures around the Mililani Ike Elementary campus.

The Department requests that the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services take the lead in recommending effective improvements. The proposed addition of pedestrian signage and speed bumps may encourage drivers to reduce vehicle speeds and increase awareness of pedestrian traffic. Additionally, an increased presence of the Honolulu Police Department during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up periods may improve enforcement of speed violations and enhance pedestrian safety.

The Department thanks the Committee for the opportunity to comment on HCR 58.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:40:35 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/31/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jamie Ann Chu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair and Members,

My name is Jamie Ann Chu and I am a parent and resident on Mililani Mauka. I am writing to support the efforts to improve the crosswalk safety in the Mililani Ike Elementary school zone.

I witness speeding cars up and down Meheula Parkway daily. I have even seen cars disregarding red lights. This will eventually result in cars failing to yeild to pedestrians crossing in the surrounding crosswalks of the school. There are many middle and elementary school children that use these crosswalks every day, often times tiny elementary children are crossing alone making them harder to see.

I have heard about a few close call incidents particularly at the crosswalk of Meheula Parkway and Lehiwa Drive, entering the front of Mililani Ike Elementary.

I strongly support the implementation of clearer signage, maybe even flashing signs, or even speed bumps around the school. Having crossing guards in the area would also greatly reduce the risk and improve driver awareness.

Thank you so much for your time and prioritizing the safety of our community, especially our children. I respectfully ask for your support in making these necessary improvements.

Sincerely,

Jamie Ann Chu

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 11:11:11 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/31/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terri Yoshinaga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

1. Protection of Student Safety as a Top Priority

Ensuring safe crosswalks directly protects young students who may be less aware of traffic risks. Strengthening safety measures—such as improved signage, crossing guards, and traffic calming—helps prevent accidents and creates a safer daily environment for children traveling to and from school

2. Increased Traffic Risks in School Zones

Busy morning and afternoon traffic around schools like Mililani ‘Ike Elementary increases the likelihood of pedestrian incidents. Addressing these risks through coordinated efforts between the Department of Transportation, Department of Education, and the City and County of Honolulu can reduce congestion, improve driver awareness, and enhance overall safety in school zones.

3. Community Confidence and Accessibility

Safe crosswalks encourage walking and biking to school, promoting healthier lifestyles and reducing traffic congestion caused by drop-offs. When parents and community members feel confident in student safety, it strengthens trust in public infrastructure and supports a more connected, walkable community.