

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Date: 02/24/2012

Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 2626,HD1 RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Purpose of Bill: Permanently establishes the Safe Routes to School Program within the Department of Transportation. Establishes a Safe Routes to School Special Fund. Assesses a surcharge of \$25 for violations of speeding in a school zone and a \$10 surcharge on various traffic violations and deposits these surcharges into the Safe Routes to School Special Fund. Deposits federal Safe Routes to School Program moneys into the Safe Routes to School Special Fund. Effective July 1, 2012.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education supports this bill. This Safe Routes to School program will benefit the Department's schools with programs and funds to promote the health and safety of school children.



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

February 24, 2012

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2626. H.D. 1
RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports the intent of HB 2626, H.D. 1 and offers the following recommendations:

1. Subsection 291C-A(b) - Use federal safe routes to school program in the last sentence to differentiate from a county safe routes to school program.
2. Subsection 291C-A(c) - Replace The director of transportation, through the safe routes to school program coordinator with A county-designated office, through the county safe routes to school program coordinator to streamline the use of SRTS Special Funds and remove conflicts with federal law requiring the equal opportunity use of federal funds.
3. Subsection 291C-A(d) – Use county safe routes to school program.
4. Subsection 291C-A(d)(1) – Replace the department of transportation with a county-designated office.
5. Subsection 291C-A(e) – Use county safe routes to school program to remove conflicts with federal safe routes to school requirements.
6. Subsection 291C-A(g) – Use federal safe routes to school program.

7. Subsection 291C-B(a)(1) – Delete this subsection and renumber accordingly as this is not allowed under current federal regulations. The federal-aid program is a reimbursable funding program. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will only approve reimbursement of federal SRTS funds when a pertinent SRTS project has been deemed to meet federal regulations, including environmental, bidding and construction regulations.

8. Subsection 291C-B(b) – Replace traffic calming measures with purposes outlined in 291C-A to not limit improvements to only traffic calming measures. Some counties have moratoriums on traffic calming measures such as the City and County of Honolulu.

The intent of the revisions is to make the use of the SRTS Special Fund by the counties to be as flexible as necessary to get improvements processed and done as smoothly as possible. This can only be accomplished if the counties are able to operate their respective program as independently as needed for the purposes of the national SRTS program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2626, H.D. 1

February 24, 2012

RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

House Bill No. 2626, H.D. 1, establishes the Safe Routes to School Program within the Department of Transportation to enhance traffic safety around Hawaii's schools. A Program Coordinator position will be established within the Department of Transportation that, along with the Director, will be tasked with the overall coordination of the program including maximizing the participation of stakeholders, and training volunteer workshop facilitators and potential grant requestors. Proceeds from fine surcharges resulting from traffic violations related to the operation of motor vehicles and to speeding in school zones are to be deposited into a new Safe Routes to School Program special fund and distributed by the Director of Transportation to the counties. Not less than 10 percent and not more than 30 percent of the funds shall be used for non-infrastructure related activities. However, it should be noted that this bill does not contain any appropriation for the new special fund.

The Department of Budget and Finance takes no position on creation of the Safe Routes to School Program. However, as a matter of general financial policy, the department does not support the creation of any special fund which does not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Special or revolving funds

should: 1) reflect a clear nexus between benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries of the program; 2) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 3) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining.

In regards to House Bill No. 2626, H.D. 1, it is difficult to determine whether the new fund will be self-sustaining or that there is a clear nexus between benefits sought and charges made upon the driving public.



STATE OF HAWAII
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

HB2626 HD1, RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health

February 24, 2012

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports this measure as long as it does not have a
2 negative impact on the Department's Supplemental Budget appropriation request.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** Would establish a Safe Route to School Special Fund from surcharges through
4 traffic violations. Moneys in the fund will be distributed by the director of transportation to the
5 respective counties to expend.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of House Bill 2626 HD1 is to establish a Safe Routes to
7 School (SRTS) Program within the Department of Transportation (DOT) through the creation of a Safe
8 Routes to School Program Special Fund. The bill will assess a surcharge of \$25 for violations of
9 speeding in a school zone and a \$10 surcharge on various traffic violations and these surcharges will be
10 deposited into a Safe Routes to School Special Fund. The DOT will develop a mechanism to provide
11 funds to county safe routes to school programs from the Safe Routes to School Program Special Fund
12 for the implementation of county safe routes to school program projects. The purpose of the Safe
13 Routes to School program would be to provide transportation infrastructure and non-infrastructure

1 funding to enhance traffic safety around Hawaii's schools, while at the same time provide funding to
2 encourage children to walk and bike to school.

3 According to the 2011 Hawaii Safety and Wellness Survey, thirty-eight schools (14.9%) have
4 SRTS Programs. Current programs have been extremely successful in increasing the numbers of
5 children walking and biking to school and some programs have started assessing infrastructure changes.
6 This bill would create a sustainable means for generating revenue for funding this important program
7 and will help to increase and build upon SRTS efforts throughout our state. Since, Hawaii school-aged
8 (5 to 18 years of age) residents have the highest rates of pedestrian injuries requiring hospital treatment
9 or death, it is another important reason to utilize funding to create a safe and integral transportation
10 system for a large and valuable demographic of Hawaii's population.

11 Should this bill be enacted we recommend that the DOT and County SRTS Coordinators consult
12 with the DOH to implement the Safe Routes to School Program. The SRTS program is a built
13 environment strategy in the comprehensive public health plan to address childhood obesity prevention
14 and to decrease pedestrian injury.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 23, 2012

**TESTIMONY OF JOANN A. YUKIMURA
COUNCIL VICE CHAIR, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

**H.B. NO. 2626, H.D. 1, RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
Committee on Finance
Friday, February 24, 2012
10:00 A.M.
Conference Room 308**

Dear Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1, relating to Safe Routes to School. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as an individual member of the Kaua'i County Council and the Chair of the Housing/Transportation/Energy Conservation & Efficiency Committee.

H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1, is perfectly aligned with a goal we all share: creating communities in which our children can grow up in safety and good health. This bill would impose a surcharge penalty on speeding in a school zone and on other traffic violations, and creates a special fund for increasing the safety of routes to school.

Making it safe for our children to walk and bike to school will increase their physical and mental fitness, provide an antidote to childhood obesity, establish good habits that will keep them healthy into adulthood, reduce the congestion and risk of school traffic, lower greenhouse gases, and reduce fossil fuel use. It is not often that a proposal will help to achieve so many of our state and county goals.

For the reason stated above, I am in strong support of H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1, and ask for your favorable support in doing what's best for our keiki.

Mahalo nui loa for your service and for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

JOANN A. YUKIMURA
Council Vice Chair, Kaua'i County Council

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February 22, 2012

**TESTIMONY OF TIM BYNUM
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

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Committee on Finance
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H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1, permanently establishes a Safe Routes to School Program, as well as a Safe Routes to School Special Fund that assesses a modest surcharge of \$25 for speeding in a school zone and a \$10 surcharge for various traffic violations. These funds will be deposited into the Safe Routes to School Special Fund on each island.

The Safe Routes to School Program and Special Fund would be designed to improve and promote the safety, health, and mobility of children by creating and moving forward opportunities to further develop safe routes for children to walk or bike to school, and encourages physical activity which will also address the obesity epidemic here in Hawai'i. Funds collected for the Special Fund would support traffic safety education and improvements and provide a sustainable means for generating revenue for this need, without taking funds away from other needed programs.

For the reason stated above, I am in strong support of H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1 and ask for your favorable support.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

TIM BYNUM
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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**COUNTY OF KAUAI TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2626
RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

Before the House Finance Committee
Friday, February 24, 2012
10:00 am Conference Room 308

Honorable Chair Oshiro and Honorable Members:

The County of Kaua'i Planning Department strongly supports this measure.

The County, through resolution, has adopted the "Complete Streets" principle in planning and constructing civil improvements in a multi-modal fashion.

The proposed surcharge would greatly support these County efforts, specifically with regard to the safety of our school children as they walk to campuses, and ultimately promote alternative healthy transportation options

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Michael A. Dahilig
Director of Planning, County of Kaua'i

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Mayor



Eugene K. Jimenez
Housing Director

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Managing Director

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February 22, 2012

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
The Twenty Sixth Legislature
Regular Session of 2012

SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of HB2626 HD1, Relating to Safe Routes to School
Committee: FINANCE
Hearing: February 24, 2012, 10:00 am Conference Room 308

The Kaua'i County Housing Agency (KCHA) strongly supports House Bill 2626 HD1. HB2626 HD1 is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

KCHA is actively incorporating safe routes to school in master plans for future affordable communities, and actively supporting efforts to improve access in existing neighborhoods. Providing safe, walkable, bikeable routes to school will doubly protect keiki health through increased physical activity. Further, it will reduce our dependence on imported fossil fuels for transportation, and improve our sustainability and local economy.

Funds would be generated to support traffic safety improvements and education, through a modest surcharge on moving traffic violations, ranging from \$10-25, depending on the location of the infraction. This provides a sustainable means for generating revenue for this need, without taking Hawaii general funds away from other needed programs.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eugene K. Jimenez".

Eugene K. Jimenez
Housing Director



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**Chair Marcus Oshiro and Members of House Finance Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 308
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813**

February 2, 2012

Dear Chair Oshiro:

My name is Lyle Tabata and I am writing to express my full support HB2626.HD1. This bill is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

This bill is critically important for advancing opportunities for safe physical activity and addressing the obesity epidemic here in Hawaii. Funds would be generated to support traffic safety improvements and education, through a modest surcharge on moving traffic violations. With the additional surcharge ranging only from \$10-25, depending on the location of the infraction, this provides a sustainable means for generating revenue for this need, without taking Hawaii general funds away from other needed programs.

I respectfully ask for you to accept this bill, HB 2626.HD1

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our keiki here in Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,

Lyle Tabata
Deputy County Engineer
SR2S Chairman - Kaua'i Built Environment Task Force



NPAC

Hawai'i Nutrition and
Physical Activity Coalition

Representative Marcus Oshiro
Finance Committee; Chair
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 308
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

February 22, 2012

RE: Support of HB2626 HD1
Friday, February 24, 2012
10:00 A.M. Conference Room 308

Dear Representative Oshiro:

My name is Luana Bass and I am the assistant to the State Director for the Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition Project. I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 - HD1. This bill with HD1 is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

This bill is critically important for advancing opportunities for safe physical activity and addressing the obesity epidemic here in Hawaii. Funds would be generated to support traffic safety improvements and education, through a modest surcharge on moving traffic violations. With the additional surcharge ranging only from \$10-25, depending on the location of the infraction, this provides a sustainable means for generating revenue for this need, without taking Hawaii general funds away from other needed programs.

NPAC is also in support of the subsequent changes Department of Transportation has recommended to the bill language requesting for county-designated offices, and county safe routes to school program coordinator to streamline to use of SRTS Special Funds and remove conflicts with federal law requiring the equal opportunity use of federal funds. I respectfully ask for you to vote in SUPPORT of HB2626 HD1.

Sincerely yours,

State Nutrition & Physical Activity Coalition
A project of the Healthy Hawaii Initiative



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Testimony in Support of HB 2626 HD1 RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

FIN 10am Rm 308 2/24/12

Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair; Rep. Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

Submitted by Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director, Hawaii Bicycling League

Protect all vulnerable road users!

The Hawaii Bicycling League asks all road users to heed Kamehameha's Law of the Splintered Paddle because "Everyone has the right to be safe on Hawaii's roads."

Mutual safety and concern for others is of utmost importance on the public roads for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and other users of our public road system. This is a shared space that we must use carefully. King Kamehameha decreed in 1797 that "everyone has the right to be safe on Hawaii's roads – including old and young, women and children." Mamalahoe Kanawai (Law of the Splintered Paddle).

We support HB2626 HD1 to make a Safe Routes to School Program a permanent part of the Department of Transportation. The Hawaii Bicycling League supports all efforts to help more children walk and bike to school, to save on gas, to encourage students' independence and fitness, to help the environment, and to reach a sustainable means of living on planet earth.

HB 2626 is a good start to encouraging all schools to work as a team of parents, teachers, administrators together with DOT, the county transportation agencies and community organizations to identify and create safe routes to each school in Hawaii.

Will the funding source proposed in this bill be sufficient to do the job? The DOT administrators must recognize that a law without implementation is meaningless. For example, a similar position – State Bicycle Coordinator – has been vacant for two full years now. Focus for the qualifications of a Safe Routes to School Coordinator should not be an engineer, but should include planners and others with training who will work with parents and teachers to advocate for and push the DOT engineers and road administrators to do justice to children's need to walk and bicycle safely to school. Build roads for children to walk and bike safely to school!

Ride Aloha! Drive Aloha!

Everyone has the right to be safe on Hawaii's roads.

Mamalahoe Kanawai, Kamehameha's Law of the Splintered Paddle 1797, Hawaii state constitution 1978

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February 22, 2012

Representative Marcus Oshiro
Chair - Finance Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 308
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Support of HB2626 HD1
Friday, February 24, 2012 @ 10:00 A.M.

Dear Representative Oshiro:

My name is Ben Welborn and I am a professional land use planner. I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 - HD1. This bill with HD1 is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

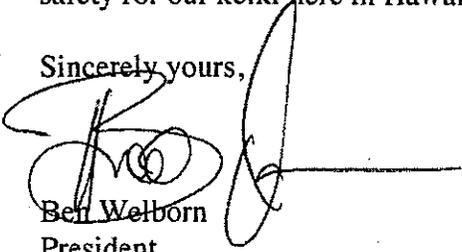
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I encourage all of you to pass this measure and its intent to create safer places for our children to bike and walk. If we make these changes for our children, we essential create communities where we can all be safer, healthier and live a better quality of life.

I respectfully ask for you to vote in favor of HB2626 HD1.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our keiki here in Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,


Ben Welborn
President

TO: Members of the Committee on Finance

FROM: Natalie Iwasa aka Bike Mom
Member Hawaii SRTS Hui
Honolulu, HI 96825
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HEARING: 10.m. Friday, February 24, 2012

SUBJECT: HB 2626, HD1 Safe Routes to School - **Support with One Change**

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony on HB 2626 HD1 which would create a permanent Safe Routes to School (SRTS) fund for Hawaii. The timing of this bill is very important, given the current state of federal funding for biking and walking, which is in jeopardy.

I support the creation of a state SRTS fund and dedicated coordinators at the county levels.

The bill requires non-infrastructure funding be between 10% and 30% (page 3 lines 18 and 19). **Non-infrastructure funding should be increased to a minimum of 30%.** Based on my experience and discussions with parents, teachers and community members, many people are still not even aware of SRTS. Education and encouragement, which fall under non-infrastructure, need additional support at this time.

It appears there is some flexibility under the rules-making process to allow for some up-front payment to grant recipients. This is important, because many nonprofit organizations cannot front costs of these projects. (For example, the Hawaii Bicycling League had to rescind its SRTS grant, because it could not front the costs.)

Lastly, I urge committee members to support the **Hawaii SRTS Day Challenge**. As schools register to participate in the challenge, legislators will be asked to join kids walking and biking to school on the fourth Wednesday of each month. May 15 has been set aside as a special Bike and Walk to School day. More information is available at www.pathhawaii.org/hui.

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February 22, 2012

RE: Support of HB2626 HD1
Friday, February 24, 2012
10:00 A.M.

Dear Representative Oshiro:

My name is Rich Brunner and I am Area Coordinator for Keonekai Neighborhood Association, a Maui County Safe Routes to School advocacy Ohana, I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 - HD1. This bill with HD1 is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

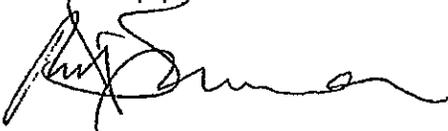
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I encourage all of you to pass this measure and its intent to create safer places for our children to bike and walk. If we make these changes for our children, we essential create communities where we can all be safer, healthier and live a better quality of life.

I respectfully ask for you to vote in favor of HB2626 HD1.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our keiki here in Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,



Rich Brunner
Area Coordinator

Representative Marcus Oshiro
Finance Committee; Chair
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 308
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

February 22, 2012

RE: Support of HB2626 HD1
Friday, February 24, 2012
10:00 A.M.

Dear Representative Oshiro:

My name is Ann Peterson and I am Social Services Director at Kuhio Park Terrace. I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 - HD1. This bill with HD1 is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

Imagine walking to school – getting the early morning exercise, have small adventures by seeing butterflies and beetles along the way, having the opportunity to catch up with all your friends, then arriving at school with your brain activated, energy a bit discharged, and all the needed talking with your friend done – You are ready to learn, you're creating a pattern for lifelong fitness, your building up your confidence and independence skills, and you've keep a few cars away from the school's traffic congestion.

This bill is critically important for advancing opportunities for safe physical activity and addressing the obesity epidemic here in Hawaii. Funds would be generated to support traffic safety improvements and education, through a modest surcharge on moving traffic violations. With the additional surcharge ranging only from \$10-25, depending on the location of the infraction, this provides a sustainable means for generating revenue for this need, without taking Hawaii general funds away from other needed programs.

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I respectfully ask for you to vote in favor of HB2626 HD1.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our keiki here in Hawaii.



Sincerely yours,

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RE: Support of HB2626 HD1
Friday, February 24, 2012
10:00 A.M.

Dear Representative Oshiro:

My name is Tiana Kamen and I am the Farm to Keiki Preschool Program Director for/at Farm to Keiki. I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 - HD1. This bill with HD1 is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

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I respectfully ask for you to vote in favor of HB2626 HD1.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our keiki here in Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,
Tiana Kamen

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415 South Beretania Street
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February 22, 2012

RE: Support of HB2626 HD1
Friday, February 24, 2012
10:00 A.M.

Dear Representative Oshiro:

My name is Randall Blake and I am bicycle instructor and also a physican. I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 - HD1. This bill with HD1 is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

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I encourage all of you to pass this measure and its intent to create safer places for our children to bike and walk. If we make these changes for our children, we essential create communities where we can all be safer, healthier and live a better quality of life.

I respectfully ask for you to vote in favor of HB2626 HD1.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our keiki here in Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,
Randall C Blake MD

Representative Marcus Oshiro
Finance Committee; Chair
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February 22, 2012

RE: Support of HB2626 HD1
Friday, February 24, 2012
10:00 A.M.

Dear Representative Oshiro:

I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 HD1. This bill is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

Very modest increases in traffic fines could support a fund for each county to keep children safer and encourage more to walk to school, thus alleviating traffic congestion, especially around schools.

I respectfully ask for your support of this bill, HB 2626, HD1.

Sincerely,

Jodi Drisko, MSPH
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Representative Marcus Oshiro
Finance Committee; Chair
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RE: Support of HB2626 HD1

Dear Representative Oshiro:

My name is Jennifer Dang and I am the Community Outreach and Advocacy Manager for Kahoomiki: Hawaii Council on Physical Activity and Nutrition and a member of the Complete Streets Coalition. I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 - HD1. This bill with HD1 is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

This bill is critically important for advancing opportunities for safe physical activity and addressing the obesity epidemic here in Hawaii. Funds would be generated to support traffic safety improvements and education through a modest surcharge on moving traffic violations. With the additional surcharge ranging only from \$10-25, depending on the location of the infraction, this provides a sustainable means for generating revenue for this need, without taking Hawaii general funds away from other needed programs.

Furthermore, Hawaii is last among all other states in the union because it has only been able to spend down 11% of the federal SRTS funds give for both infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects. Funding has been sitting in the Hawaii DOT since 2007.

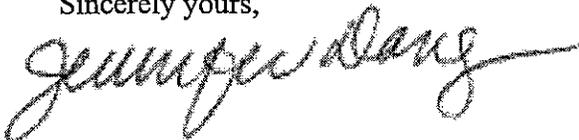
A full-time SRTS coordinator and a fully supported SRTS program is needed to determine whether the DOT is awarding and obligating available funds at a reasonable rate.

I encourage all of you to pass this measure and its intent to create safer places for our children to bike and walk. If we make these changes for our children, we essential create communities where we can all be safer, healthier and live a better quality of life.

I respectfully ask for you to vote in favor of HB2626 HD1.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our keiki here in Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Dang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Dang

Representative Marcus Oshiro
Finance Committee; Chair
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 308
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

February 22, 2012

RE: Support of HB2626 HD1
Friday, February 24, 2012
10:00 A.M.

Dear Representative Oshiro:

My name is Colleen McCracken, M.S., R.D., R.N. and I am Dietitian and Registered Nurse for two healthcare facilities on Kaua'i. I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 - HD1. This bill with HD1 is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

This bill is critically important for advancing opportunities for safe physical activity and addressing the obesity epidemic here in Hawaii. Funds would be generated to support traffic safety improvements and education, through a modest surcharge on moving traffic violations. With the additional surcharge ranging only from \$10-25, depending on the location of the infraction, this provides a sustainable means for generating revenue for this need, without taking Hawaii general funds away from other needed programs.

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I respectfully ask for you to vote in favor of HB2626 HD1.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our keiki here in Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,

Colleen Konishi McCracken
Colleen Konishi McCracken, M.S., R.D., R.N.

February 22, 2012

Representative Marcus Oshiro
Chair, House Finance Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 306
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Representative Oshiro:

Thank you for this opportunity to express support for HB 2626, HD 1 which will help to sustain the work of the Safe Routes to School program. The bill would create a special Safe Routes to School fund and further develop the work designed to improve the safety, health and mobility for children and enable them to safely walk or bike to school.

I have participated in Kauai's Walk to School Days and have seen the positive impact walking and biking to school has made with children and their parents. This encourages physical activity for the children as well as their parents, and, with the SRTS special fund, would further provide opportunities for physical activity and help to address the obesity epidemic here in Hawaii. The proposed surcharge provides a more sustainable mechanism to generate funds and support the SRTS program for each island.

Development of the SRTS program and potential infrastructure in the community creates not only safe routes for our youth, but encourages safe routes, better health and well-being for older adults, persons with disabilities, families, and the overall community.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of HB 2626, HD 1 to support the Safe Routes to School program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Naomi Sugihara

Representative Marcus Oshiro
Finance Committee; Chair
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 308
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

February 22, 2012

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Friday, February 24, 2012
10:00 A.M.

Dear Representative Oshiro:

My name is Sasha A. Figueira and I am the EBT Market Manager/Account Clerk for the Kaua'i Independent Food Bank. I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 - HD1. This bill with HD1 is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

This bill is critically important for advancing opportunities for safe physical activity and addressing the obesity epidemic here in Hawaii. Funds would be generated to support traffic safety improvements and education, through a modest surcharge on moving traffic violations. With the additional surcharge ranging only from \$10-25, depending on the location of the infraction, this provides a sustainable means for generating revenue for this need, without taking Hawaii general funds away from other needed programs.

I encourage all of you to pass this measure and its intent to create safer places for our children to bike and walk. If we make these changes for our children, we essential create communities where we can all be safer, healthier and live a better quality of life.

I respectfully ask for you to vote in favor of HB2626 HD1.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our keiki here in Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,

Sasha A. Figueira

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 1:17 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: maureen@pathhawaii.org
Subject: Testimony for HB2626 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2626

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Maureen Combes
Organization: PATH
E-mail: maureen@pathhawaii.org
Submitted on: 2/23/2012

Comments:
Representative Marcus Oshiro
Finance Committee; Chair
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 308
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

February 22, 2012

RE: Support of HB2626 HD1
Friday, February 24, 2012
10:00 A.M.

Dear Representative Oshiro:

My name is Maureen Combes and I am program assistant for PATH - People's Advocacy for Trails Hawaii. I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 - HD1. This bill with HD1 is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund.

This bill is critically important for advancing opportunities for safe physical activity and addressing the obesity epidemic here in Hawaii. Funds would be generated to support traffic safety improvements and education, through a modest surcharge on moving traffic violations. With the additional surcharge ranging only from \$10-25, depending on the location of the infraction, this provides a sustainable means for generating revenue for this need, without taking Hawaii general funds away from other needed programs.

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Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our keiki here in Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen Combes

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 2:34 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: ThomasNoyes@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for HB2626 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2626

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Tommy A. Noyes
Organization: Individual
E-mail: ThomasNoyes@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

My name is Tommy A. Noyes and I am an avid cyclist. I am writing to express my full support of HB2626 - HD1. This bill with HD1 is designed to improve the safety, health and mobility of children by creating and supporting a Hawaii Safe Routes to School program and fund. Providing our keiki with safely walkable routes to school makes entire communities more liveable.

This bill is critically important for advancing opportunities for safe physical activity and addressing the obesity epidemic here in Hawaii. Funds would be generated to support traffic safety improvements and education, through a modest surcharge on moving traffic violations. With the additional surcharge ranging only from \$10-25, depending on the location of the infraction, this provides a sustainable means for generating revenue for this need, without taking Hawaii general funds away from other needed programs.

I encourage all of you to pass this measure and its intent to create safer places for our children to bike and walk. If we make these changes for our children, we essential create communities where we can all be safer, healthier and live a better quality of life.

I respectfully ask for you to vote in favor of HB2626 HD1.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Safe Routes to School and the health and safety for our keiki here in Hawaii.

Best regards,

Tommy

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 9:58 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: Psgegen@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2626 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2626

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Pat Gegen
Organization: Kalaheo elementary school PTSA
E-mail: Psgegen@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/23/2012

Comments:

Fully support this important bill. Excellent for our children's health and helps build sustainable communities! Please pass this measure.

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ent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 9:58 AM
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Testifier position: Support
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Submitted by: Pat Gegen
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E-mail: Psgegen@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/23/2012

Comments:

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FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 10:16 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: aaronloriuyeda@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2626 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2626

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lori Uyeda
Organization: Individual
E-mail: aaronloriuyeda@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

I am the Payroll Administrator at a major hotel on the island of Kauai. I am in support of HB2626. Please pass this bill to help increase the safety of our keikis. Thank you.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 10:44 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: cherylaofarrell@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2626 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2626

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Cheryl Ann Farrell
Organization: Individual
E-mail: cherylaofarrell@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

I live in Koloa on Kauai and the route to our elementary school has no sidewalks, few traffic barriers or cross walks. Having a safe route to school for additional exercise for my nieces to walk or ride a bike is essential for good health and establishing lifelong healthy habits. Please support this bill.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 11:28 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: dnakamatsu@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2626 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2626

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Duke Nakamatsu
Organization: Individual
E-mail: dnakamatsu@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 6:21 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: leilani@flex.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2626 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2626

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Debora Kaleohano
Organization: Individual
E-mail: leilani@flex.com
Submitted on: 2/23/2012

Comments:
I support this bill.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 8:05 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: peggy@kalapaki.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2626 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Peggy Lake
Organization: Individual
E-mail: peggy@kalapaki.com
Submitted on: 2/23/2012

Comments:
I fully support this Safe Routes to School Bill:

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 12:20 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: jgoody@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2626 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2626

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: John Goody
Organization: Hawaii Bicycling League
E-mail: jgoody@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

This is an important bill that will contribute to better health among our children, but also reduce traffic congestion and costly fuel consumption.

Thank you.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 12:23 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: missy_hoesel@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2626 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2626

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Missy Hoesel
Organization: Individual
E-mail: missy_hoesel@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 9:30 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: joetam2@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2626 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2626

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Joseph & Tammy Schoniwitz
Organization: Individual
E-mail: joetam2@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:
We support HB2626!

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 11:54 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: state.npac@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2626 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2626

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Luana Bass
Organization: STATE NPAC
E-mail: state.npac@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/23/2012

Comments: