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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE, AND MIDDLE
SCHOOLS IN THE STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SAFE ROUTES TO
SCHOOL PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 291C-3,
HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, FOR KEIKI HEALTH BENEFITS.

1 WHEREAS, keiki today have become less active, less
2 independent, and less healthy; and
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4 WHEREAS, in 1969, nearly fifty percent of all children in
5 the United States (and nearly ninety percent of those within one
6 mile of school) walked or bicycled to school but that number has
7 plummeted to fewer than fifteen percent today; and
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9 WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School is a program that works to
10 make it safe, convenient, and fun for children to walk and
11 bicycle to and from school; and
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13 WHEREAS, the goal of the program is to get more children
14 walking and bicycling to school, improve keiki safety, and
15 increase health and physical activity; and
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17 WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School is a federally-funded
18 program of the United States Department of Transportation's
19 Federal Highway Administration, created by Section 1404 of the
20 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity
21 Act: A Legacy for Users Act in 2005; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School program in Hawaii is
24 administered by the state Department of Transportation; and
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26 WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School program activities remain
27 eligible for funding under the federal Transportation
28 Alternatives Program; and
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30 WHEREAS, eligible activities include planning, design, and
31 construction of projects that will substantially improve the
32 ability of students to walk and bike to and from school,
33 including sidewalk improvements, traffic calming and speed
34 reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossing



1 improvements, on-street bicycle facilities, off-street bicycle
2 and pedestrian facilities, secure bike parking, and traffic
3 diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools (within
4 approximately two miles); and
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6 WHEREAS, many areas near schools statewide could benefit
7 from such improvements, as some existing infrastructure and
8 facilities are inadequate to safely enable or encourage safe
9 walking or biking to and from school; and
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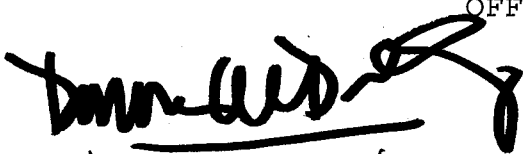
11 WHEREAS, this body believes that sound public policy by the
12 State includes using and maximizing federal funds whenever
13 possible and that the State should use federal funds available
14 to supplement projects of the Department of Transportation that
15 are adjacent to schools to enable students to safely walk and
16 bike to and from school; and
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18 WHEREAS, if schools statewide participate in the Safe
19 Routes to School program, participation can provide greater
20 health benefits for our keiki and encourage responsible
21 independence; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
24 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that all public
25 elementary, intermediate, and middle schools in the State are
26 requested to participate in the Safe Routes to School Program
27 established pursuant to section 291C-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
32 Education, Superintendent of Education, and Director of
33 Transportation.
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OFFERED BY:


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