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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure: HB3014

Dear Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Zach Hudson and Boomer Wright, and members of the committee,

My name is Tomoko Sekiguchi, and I am writing to urge your support for HB 3014, the Bike Bus bill. I am a member of the advocacy group Climate Revolutions by Bike, and we work to promote bike ridership as a way to reduce our impact on the environment.

One of the most important ways we can do this is by promoting bike riding from a young age. As a parent, I know firsthand how powerful it can be to start kids on bikes early. By doing so, we help them develop a sense of independence and freedom, while also making bicycling a natural and comfortable transportation option as they grow up. This is important not just for the individual child, but for the environment as a whole. Each person who grows up without a car is one less car on the road, and one less contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. And if funding can be moved to promote bicycling to school, that would be a triple win - getting kids to school safely, teaching them about doing right action for the environment, and doing this without additional expense.

Passage of HB 3014 would help to encourage more people to take up biking as a mode of transportation. By creating a "Bike Bus" program that provides safe and convenient transportation for groups of bicyclists, we can help to normalize everyday and everywhere riding. This will make it easier and more appealing for people of all ages to choose bicycling over other, less sustainable options.

I am proud to be part of a community that is working to make a difference for our planet. And I believe that the Bike Bus bill will help nurture increased use of bicycles by freeing up existing dollars to promote bicycling to school. That's why I urge you to support this bill, and to influence a future where bicycles are the major mode of transportation.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Tomoko Sekiguchi