

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1870 -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 15 , 2024

RE: S.C.R. No. 140
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 140, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A
TASK FORCE TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOP A GREEN HIGHWAY PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the convening of a
task force to research and develop a green highway program in the
State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department
of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that green highways offer numerous
benefits, including improved air and water quality, reduced noise
pollution, enhanced biodiversity, and increased recreational
opportunities. Green highways may also contribute to island heat
mitigation by incorporating features such as green infrastructure,
shade trees, and reflective pavements. Your Committee further
finds that the implementation of a green highway program aligns
with statewide goals for environmental stewardship, climate
resilience, and sustainable development.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that this measure does not provide guidance or requirements as to the criteria that should be used when selecting co-chairpersons for the task force. Therefore, your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider establishing criteria the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives should use when selecting the task force's co-chairpersons.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 140, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 140, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,


for CHRIS TODD, Chair



