
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OAHU METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO
CONTINUE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT
FOCUS ON EDUCATING KEY DECISION MAKERS RESPONSIBLE FOR
TRANSPORTATION POLICY, PLANNING, FUNDING, AND
IMPLEMENTATION.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has one of the highest costs of
2 transportation per capita in the country and among the highest
3 rates of transportation-related fatalities and injuries; and
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5 WHEREAS, different jurisdictions have tried to utilize a
6 number of different methods to achieve their transportation
7 safety goals and reduce the cost of multimodal and public
8 transit for local families; and
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10 WHEREAS, a number of other jurisdictions that struggled to
11 overcome similar transportation-related challenges as Hawaii
12 have managed to successfully reduce their cost of transportation
13 for residents over time, with some also having reduced
14 fatalities nearly to zero; and
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16 WHEREAS, Hawaii can learn from the proven lessons in other
17 jurisdictions and apply these strategies and best practices to
18 reduce its cost of transportation for local residents and
19 improve safety on roads and highways; and
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21 WHEREAS, some of the transportation-related challenges
22 Hawaii faces include a system of governance that involves
23 multiple agencies and levels of government that split the
24 decision-making process amongst a host of different officials;
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27 WHEREAS, joint policy and implementation strategy workshops
28 that engage multiple agencies and levels of government in



1 conversations with those who have successfully achieved progress
2 can help accelerate progress and success across silos; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization has
5 been operating a successful transportation project management
6 training program to help state and county decision makers and
7 employees working on transportation issues to meet with and
8 learn from their peers in other jurisdictions since 2023; and
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10 WHEREAS, successful transportation training programs
11 typically involve peer exchanges and mobile workshops where
12 participants meet and learn from their counterparts in other
13 model jurisdictions that have employed best practices, gain
14 firsthand experience as both designers and users of innovative
15 transportation infrastructure, and understand the unexpected and
16 unplanned for pros and cons of implemented solutions; and
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18 WHEREAS, state and county decision makers, including
19 employees, department heads, and elected and appointed officials
20 responsible for funding and implementing transit policy and
21 projects, would benefit from training programs involving
22 discussions with their peers in those jurisdictions that have
23 successfully improved transportation safety and cost; now,
24 therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the Oahu Metropolitan
29 Planning Organization is requested to continue transportation
30 management training programs that focus on educating key
31 decision makers responsible for transportation policy, planning,
32 funding, and implementation; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the transportation management
35 training programs be designed to help decision makers achieve
36 state and county transportation goals including improving
37 transportation safety and providing a multimodal transportation
38 system that can expand opportunities for residents to lower
39 their transportation costs; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the transportation management
42 training programs also provide for peer-to-peer learning and



1 collaboration with other jurisdictions that demonstrate
2 implementation of innovative best practices and have achieved
3 successful outcomes; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
7 of Transportation, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu,
8 Mayor of the County of Maui, Mayor of the County of Kauai, Mayor
9 of the County of Hawaii, Director of the Department of
10 Transportation Services, Director of the Maui County Department
11 of Transportation, and Executive Director of the Oahu
12 Metropolitan Planning Organization.

