
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE GREENBELTS STRATEGY TO PROMOTE IDENTIFICATION OR DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS THAT ARE BASED ON THE REDUCTION OF AUTOMOBILE USE OR ALTERNATIVES TO THE AUTOMOBILE.

1 WHEREAS, current land planning fosters dependency on
2 personal automobiles by placing homes far from jobs and
3 businesses; and

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5 WHEREAS, as a result, approximately 90 percent of personal
6 travel in Hawaii is by private automobiles, which pollutes the
7 air, contributes to traffic congestion on highways, and wastes
8 energy reserves; and

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10 WHEREAS, suburban development also sprawls over the
11 countryside, contributing to the deterioration of Hawaii's
12 natural beauty; and

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14 WHEREAS, it is necessary for the State and counties to
15 reevaluate land use policies to reduce dependency on personal
16 automobiles and imported oil used to fuel travel; and

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18 WHEREAS, new policies should promote mixed-use pedestrian-
19 oriented communities around transit hubs that integrate
20 affordable housing, work, and shopping areas, and create
21 neighborhoods that encourage walking and biking; and

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23 WHEREAS, greenbelts promote non-motorized modes of
24 transportation, such as walking, jogging, hiking, bicycling,
25 skating, and horseback riding, and create integrated ground
26 transportation and recreational system; and



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1 WHEREAS, greenbelts benefit urban, suburban, and rural
 2 habitats, create and enhance recreational activities and
 3 opportunities, and enhance visitor attractions and associated
 4 business opportunities; and

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 6 WHEREAS, it is possible to obtain federal funding for
 7 greenbelts under the Intermodal Surface Transportation
 8 Efficiency Act; and

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 10 WHEREAS, greenbelts also provide a resource guideline for
 11 further acquisition of public, private, and government lands to
 12 be used for public recreation and non-motorized transit; now,
 13 therefore,

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 15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 16 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 17 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, the Department of
 18 Transportation (DOT), in conjunction with the Department of Land
 19 and Natural Resources, is requested to develop a statewide
 20 greenbelts strategy to promote identification or development of
 21 transportation management systems that are based on the
 22 reduction of automobile use or alternatives to the automobile,
 23 pursuant to Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, while
 24 preserving the natural resources and beauty of the state; and

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 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOT is requested to submit a
 27 report to the Legislature on the status of the strategy,
 28 including any proposed legislation, no later than 20 days prior
 29 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and

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 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
 33 Transportation and Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
 34 Resources.

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