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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY INNOVATIVE  
TECHNOLOGIES AND MODELS FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES AND  
INVESTIGATE ALTERNATIVE METHODS TO AID IN TRAFFIC  
CONGESTION RELIEF.

1           WHEREAS, the demand for efficient public transit services  
2 rises as the state population increases; and  
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4           WHEREAS, according to the *State Transportation Statistics*  
5 *2005* published by the U.S. Department of Transportation, of the  
6 575,045 workers in Hawaii in 2004, 68.4 per cent traveled alone  
7 by car or truck, 16.4 per cent carpooled, 5.5 per cent used  
8 public transportation, and 1.8 per cent traveled by taxicab or  
9 motorcycle to work; and  
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11           WHEREAS, during the week days, only a small percentage of  
12 Hawaii's workforce that needs to commute to work are using  
13 public transit services, and are instead adding to highway and  
14 road congestion and spending more time on the road; and  
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16           WHEREAS, roadway congestion in Hawaii, especially on Oahu,  
17 is a growing problem that increases as more commuters decide to  
18 drive their cars to work rather than use public transit  
19 services, which can save time and money; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the senior citizen population in Hawaii is also  
22 increasing, which adds to the demand for better and more  
23 efficient transit services to accommodate their transportation  
24 needs; and  
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26           WHEREAS, under section 26-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the  
27 Department of Transportation is required to develop, promote,  
28 and coordinate various transportation systems management  
29 programs that include alternate work and school hours programs,  
30 bicycling programs, and ridesharing programs; and  
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1           WHEREAS, investigating and studying alternative  
2 transportation systems is part of the Department's  
3 responsibility to develop, promote, and coordinate various  
4 transportation systems management programs; and  
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6           WHEREAS, investigating the current trends of Hawaii's  
7 traffic congestion and exploring alternative methods for  
8 congestion relief will also assist the Department in studying  
9 alternative transportation systems in Hawaii, including improved  
10 public transit services; and  
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12           WHEREAS, new and innovative technologies and models are  
13 available for the transit industry to improve and diversify its  
14 services, such as global positioning systems, wireless  
15 technology, and computer software; and  
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17           WHEREAS, better organization and consolidation of the  
18 transit routes, flexible transit schedules, and an expanded  
19 range of fare options can better accommodate commuters and  
20 create public transit as a more attractive and economically  
21 feasible alternative; and  
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23           WHEREAS, as a result, commuters will be able to leave their  
24 cars at home, lessen traffic congestion, save money that would  
25 have been spent for gasoline, and speed up their commute times;  
26 now, therefore,  
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28           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
29 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
30 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
31 Transportation is urged to study new and innovative technologies  
32 and models for public transit services, and investigate  
33 alternative methods to aid in the relief of traffic congestion  
34 on roads in Hawaii; and  
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36           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
37 Transportation is requested to consult with the Public Utilities  
38 Commission, the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the  
39 counties to:  
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- 41           (1) Investigate and study the current status of the  
42 traffic congestion problem statewide;  
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- 1           (2) Explore alternative methods to aid in the relief of
- 2           traffic congestion;
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- 4           (3) Identify new and innovative available technologies and
- 5           models that have the potential to be beneficial to
- 6           Hawaii's public transit services;
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- 8           (4) Review current public transit activities,
- 9           technologies, and models and policies, and evaluate
- 10          their effectiveness;
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- 12          (5) Review other jurisdictions' activities, technologies,
- 13          and models and policies to derive the best practice
- 14          models therefrom;
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- 16          (6) Evaluate the feasibility of adopting new and
- 17          innovative technologies and models; and
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- 19          (7) Establish findings and develop recommendations on how
- 20          the State can improve and create more efficient public
- 21          transit services; and
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23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
 24 Transportation is requested to report its findings and  
 25 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days  
 26 before the convening of the Regular Session 2008; and

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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
 30 Transportation; the Chair of the Public Utilities Commission;  
 31 the Executive Director of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning  
 32 Organization; the Director of the Transportation Services  
 33 Department, City and County of Honolulu; the Administrator of  
 34 the Mass Transit Agency, County of Hawaii; the Administrator of  
 35 the Transportation Agency, County of Kauai; and the Director of  
 36 the Department of Transportation, County of Maui.

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