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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The de facto population of the county of Maui  
2 increased thirty-five per cent from 134,569 in 1990 to 181,534  
3 in 2005. The populations living in Kahului, Kihei, and Lahaina  
4 are the three highest in Maui county with the exception of  
5 Wailuku. For transportation purposes, Wailuku, which ranks  
6 third in population behind Kahului and Kihei, can be considered  
7 as a twin of Kahului -- the two contiguous towns almost as one.  
8 These towns are also among the favorite destinations of visitors  
9 to Maui and the roads connecting them are heavily traveled. The  
10 purpose of this Act is to determine the cost feasibility of  
11 constructing a fixed rail system of transportation connecting  
12 the Kahului-Wailuku area, Kihei, and Lahaina.

13           SECTION 2. (a) The department of transportation shall  
14 conduct a study to determine the cost feasibility of  
15 constructing a fixed rail system of transportation connecting  
16 the Kahului-Wailuku area, Kihei, and Lahaina on the island of  
17 Maui. The department shall identify and select various fixed  
18 rail transportation systems for examination. The department



1 shall also consider and examine all relevant potential issues  
2 such as land use, lease or purchase of land, the exercise of  
3 eminent domain, environmental effects, disruption to existing  
4 traffic flow, as well as actual planning, engineering, and  
5 construction costs of the system with minimum and maximum number  
6 of stations on the line and their location, including the  
7 adequate supply of labor to carry out such a project.

8 (b) The department of transportation shall submit an  
9 interim report and a final report to the governor and the  
10 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
11 the regular sessions of 2008 and 2009, respectively. The  
12 reports shall contain final cost estimates and a detailed  
13 discussion of potential impediments to the construction of a  
14 fixed rail system on Maui and recommendations to overcome these  
15 impediments.

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so much  
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the  
19 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
20 2008-2009, for the department of transportation to conduct a  
21 study to determine the cost feasibility of constructing a fixed



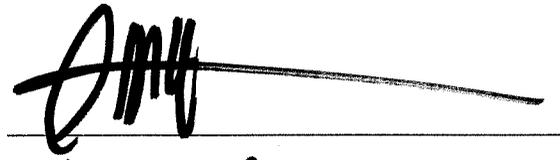
1 rail system of transportation connecting the Kahului-Wailuku  
2 area, Kihei, and Lahaina on the island of Maui.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
4 of transportation for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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**Report Title:**

Fixed Rail Transportation; Maui; DOT Study

**Description:**

Requires department of transportation to conduct a study to determine the cost feasibility of constructing a fixed rail system of transportation connecting Kahului-Wailuku, Kihei, and Lahaina on the island of Maui. Appropriation.

