
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADOPT A "COMPLETE STREETS" POLICY.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii faces the multiple challenges of traffic
2 congestion, pedestrian safety, adequate bicycle rights-of-way,
3 obesity, and an aging population, all of which could begin to be
4 addressed through comprehensive planning that encourages
5 bicycling and walking; and

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7 WHEREAS, increasing traffic congestion has a detrimental
8 effect not only on motorists, but also on the environment and
9 the economy, due to increased fuel consumption and carbon
10 dioxide production, as well as the cost of transportation
11 maintenance, new infrastructure, and lost productivity; and

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13 WHEREAS, in addition to decreasing our dependence on
14 foreign oil, bicycling and walking would help to safeguard the
15 coastline; and

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17 WHEREAS, on November 7, 2006, the City and County of
18 Honolulu adopted Charter Amendment 8, with support from seventy-
19 seven per cent of Honolulu voters to establish Honolulu as a
20 pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly city; and

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22 WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" are designed and operated to
23 enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians,
24 bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and
25 abilities; and

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27 WHEREAS, planning, designing, and constructing complete
28 streets that include footpaths, bicycle trails, and roundabouts
29 can reduce the need for costly infrastructure retrofitting in
30 the future; and

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32 WHEREAS, various states are adopting complete streets
33 policies by way of legislation, internal departmental policies,
34 or public education; now, therefore,

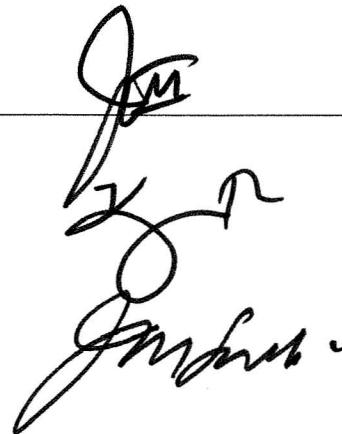


1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2008, that the Department of Transportation is urged
4 to adopt a Complete Streets policy as part of its policies
5 directed at future transportation projects; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and
9 the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

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