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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 legislature finds that increasing traffic
2 congestion is harmful not only to motorists, but to the
3 environment and economy of the State as well. Among the
4 detrimental effects of increasing traffic congestion are
5 increased fuel consumption and carbon dioxide emissions, as well
6 as rising costs of transportation maintenance, new
7 infrastructure, and lost productivity.

8 The legislature also finds that on November 7, 2006, the
9 city and county of Honolulu adopted charter amendment 8, with
10 support from seventy-seven per cent of Honolulu voters to
11 establish Honolulu as a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly city.
12 Not only would a comprehensive plan to promote the use of
13 non-motorized modes of transportation serve to reduce traffic
14 congestion, but it would also be a helpful step in decreasing
15 the State's dependence on foreign oil.

16 The legislature further finds that legislation based upon
17 "complete streets" policies have been enacted in other states
18 and that proposed federal legislation has recently been



1 introduced. "Complete streets" means roadways that accommodate
2 all travelers, particularly users of public transit, bicyclists,
3 pedestrians, and motorists to enable all users to use the
4 roadway safely and efficiently. Complete streets policies are
5 designed to ensure that: all users of the transportation
6 system, of all ages and physical ability, including pedestrians,
7 bicyclists, and public transit users are adequately accommodated
8 in all phases of project planning and development; and the
9 safety and convenience of all users are considered in all phases
10 of project planning and development.

11 The purpose of this Act is to direct the department of
12 transportation to adopt a complete streets policy with regard to
13 future transportation projects.

14 SECTION 2. The department of transportation is hereby
15 directed to adopt, amend, or repeal rules, in accordance with
16 chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in order to adopt a
17 complete streets policy with regard to future transportation
18 projects.

19 The department of transportation shall include the American
20 Association of Retired Persons, the Hawaii Bicycling League, the
21 Oahu Sierra Club, and other interested parties in a public



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1 involvement process to determine the best methods to establish
2 or implement a complete streets policy.

3 SECTION 3. The department of transportation is directed to
4 submit a report to the governor and the legislature of its
5 findings and recommendations, proposed rules, and, if necessary,
6 proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the
7 convening of the regular session of 2010.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Complete Streets; Roads and Highways

Description:

Directs the department of transportation to adopt a complete streets policy regarding future transportation projects.

