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SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF BICYCLING.

1 WHEREAS, bicycling can provide multiple and cross-cutting
2 benefits in policy initiatives that seek to address
3 transportation needs, limit climate change and energy
4 consumption, and improve public health; and
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6 WHEREAS, bicycle commuters help reduce traffic by leaving
7 automobiles at home, thus also saving on fuel costs, vehicle
8 maintenance, and parking expenses; and
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10 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is home to nearly 1,300,000
11 people; and
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13 WHEREAS, in 2007 there were 1,167,240 registered vehicles
14 in the State, where the number of motor vehicles nearly equals
15 the number of residents in the State; and
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17 WHEREAS, the rising demand for energy in the global economy
18 strains the world's dwindling natural resources and contributes
19 to the increase of harmful environmental pollutants; and
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21 WHEREAS, the bicycle, as transportation equipment, creates
22 zero emissions driven by efficient and abundant human power; and
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24 WHEREAS, 35.1 per cent of the State's population is
25 considered overweight; and
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27 WHEREAS, riding a bicycle is an easy way to incorporate
28 cardiovascular exercise into an active lifestyle, especially for
29 senior citizens; and
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31 WHEREAS, a bicycle allows children to be "free range" and
32 provides for independence for people too young to drive; and
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1 WHEREAS, the National Governors Association states that
2 "walking and biking are fundamental for transportation and
3 recreation. There can be no compromise on this issue."; and
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5 WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii have shown their support for,
6 through polls and initiatives, riding bicycles, showing an
7 awareness and appreciation for bicyclists, and sharing the
8 streets with the automobile's two-wheeled counterpart; now,
9 therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,
13 that Hawaii residents are encouraged to ride bicycles for
14 transportation as well as recreation; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
17 Transportation is urged to embrace "Complete Street" policies
18 that acknowledge the contributions of bicycles as a means to
19 reduce vehicle miles by integrating bicycle use into standard
20 street design; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, the
24 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the
25 Director of Transportation Services of the City and County of
26 Honolulu, the directors of the agencies responsible for public
27 works for the respective counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii,
28 the Chairperson of the University of Hawaii's Department of
29 Urban and Regional Planning, and to the Director of
30 Transportation, who in turn is requested to transmit copies to
31 the Chairperson of the Hawaii State Transportation Commission,
32 the Chairperson of the Highway Safety Council, the Chairperson
33 of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan Steering Committee, the
34 Chairperson of the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum, the Chairperson
35 of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Task Force, the
36 President of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, Hawaii
37 Section, the President of the Maui Bicycle Alliance, the
38 Executive Director of Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii, the
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1 Executive Director of the One Voice for Livable Islands
2 Coalition, and the Executive Director of the Hawaii Bicycling
3 League.
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