HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 721

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

In August 2016, the department of 1 SECTION 1. 2 transportation expanded the zipper lane on Oahu's H-1 freeway to 3 accommodate two lanes from 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday 4 through Friday, excluding holidays. This increased capacity of 5 the zipper lane by twenty per cent, or an additional one thousand seven hundred vehicles per hour. The use of these 6 7 lanes requires two or more occupants in the vehicle during the 8 designated hours.

9 The legislature finds that charging single occupant
10 motorists a nominal fee to use the zipper lane could provide a
11 source of additional revenue for the State while reducing
12 traffic in non-zipper freeway lanes.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the department of transportation to develop and implement a program that allows single occupant vehicles to use the zipper lane for a fee.



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1	SECTION 2. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by adding a new section to part XVII to be appropriately
3	designated and to read as follows:
4	"§291C-A Single occupant vehicle access fee. (a) The
5	department of transportation shall develop and implement a
6	system in accordance with chapter 91 in which drivers may pay a
7	single occupant vehicle access fee of \$ to the department
8	in exchange for use of a high occupancy vehicle lane that has
9	been designated as a zipper lane on the island of Oahu
10	regardless of the number of occupants in the motor vehicle.
11	(b) Except as otherwise provided by law, all revenues,
12	including interest, derived and collected by the department of
13	transportation pursuant to this section shall be deposited into
14	the state highway fund.
15	(c) The department of transportation shall provide to the
16	legislature an annual report no later than twenty days prior to
17	the convening of each regular session, which shall include:
18	(1) The department's assessment of the successes,
19	challenges, and areas for improvement in meeting the
20	purposes of this section;



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1	(2)	The activities of the department related to this	
2		section;	
3	(3)	The total number of single occupant vehicle access	
4		fees paid; and	
5	(4)	An accounting of all revenues generated and deposited	
6		into the state highway fund for the preceding year."	
7	SECT	ION 3. Section 291C-221, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is	
8	amended b	y amending the definition of "high occupancy vehicle	
9	lane" to	read as follows:	
10	""High occupancy vehicle lane" means a designated lane of a		
11	laned roadway where the use of the designated lane is restricted		
12	to school buses, vehicles carrying at least the minimum number		
13	of persons designated by the director of transportation on		
14	official signs and other official traffic-control devices,		
15	single oc	cupant vehicles pursuant to section 291C-A, and to	
16	other vehicles as provided by rules adopted in accordance with		
17	chapter 9	1, or by county ordinance."	
18	SECT	ION 4. In codifying the new sections added by section	
19	2 of this	Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute	
20	appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating		
21	the new s	ections in this Act.	

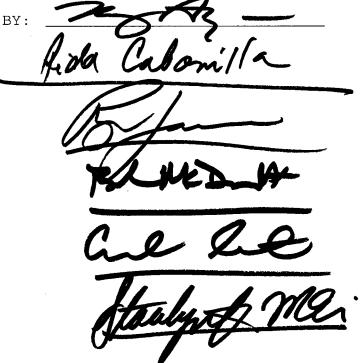


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- 1 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.
- 2 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

DOT; Zipper Lane; Contraflow; Access Fee

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Description:

Directs the Department of Transportation to develop and implement a single occupant vehicle access fee to use a zipper lane on Oahu. Requires that revenues generated from the single occupant vehicle access fee be deposited in the state highway fund.

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