HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INVOLVE ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND STAKEHOLDERS IN UPDATING THE HAWAII STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

WHEREAS, the mission of the Department of Transportation is to provide a safe, efficient, accessible, and sustainable intermodal transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, and enhances and preserves economic prosperity and the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation is responsible for the planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of state facilities across all modes of transportation, including air, water, and land; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation continuously coordinates with other federal, state, and county agencies and programs to develop and maintain a multimodal and intermodal transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation consists of the Airports Division, Harbors Division, and Highways Division, which provide, operate, and maintain eleven commercial service airports, four general aviation airports, ten active commercial harbors, and more than nine hundred eighty centerline miles of highway; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations require a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive statewide transportation planning process, which is reflected in the Hawaii Statewide Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the most recent Hawaii Statewide Transportation Plan was completed nearly a decade ago; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation is currently updating the Hawaii Statewide Transportation Plan, which includes an assessment of historic and existing conditions and emerging trends that will shape the State's transportation future; and

WHEREAS, the updated Hawaii Statewide Transportation Plan will also look at the establishment of new statewide transportation planning goals and objectives defining the ideal future transportation system based on the priorities of the people of the State, and recommending strategies and approaches for advancing the State's transportation goals; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the people of the State to support the update of the Hawaii Statewide Transportation Plan; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Transportation is requested to involve all levels of government and stakeholders in a comprehensive and cooperative process to update the Hawaii Statewide Transportation Plan to achieve the following objectives:

(1) Provide overarching policy framework and statewide priorities for transportation planning and acts as an umbrella to inform the public of the Department of Transportation modal plans, as well as transportation plans developed by metropolitan planning organizations and county governments;

(2) Incorporate research, policies, strategies, and findings of the Department of Transportation modal plans and other transportation plans;

(3) Develop statewide transportation planning goals and objectives, implementation strategies, and recommendations to accomplish the goals; and

(4) Recommend progress indicators to be instituted by the Department of Transportation to ensure cost-effective

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implementation of the statewide transportation plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Transportation, Attorney General, and mayors of each respective county.

OFFERED BY:

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