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## S.C.R. 39 / S.R. 28 URGING THE COUNTY OF HAWAII TO UTILIZE THE DATA RESULTING FROM THE 2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS TO ESTABLISH, IF ALLOWABLE, A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAII.

## Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation offers **comments** to S.C.R. 39 / S.R. 28. S.C.R. 39 / S.R. 28 urges the County of Hawaii to utilize the data resulting from the 2020 United States Census to establish, if allowable, a metropolitan planning organization for the County of Hawaii.

According to 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.310, a metropolitan planning organization "shall be designated for each urbanized area with a population of more than 50,000 individuals (as determined by the Bureau of the Census)."

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.