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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ESTABLISH A ZERO EMISSIONS INTERISLAND TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP.

WHEREAS, the State's existing carbon emissions and greenhouse gasses goals are to have a zero emissions clean economy by 2045; and

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WHEREAS, transportation accounts for the majority of Hawaii's greenhouse gas emissions; and

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WHEREAS, electric ferries of significant commercial scale already operate in coastal areas of Europe and commercial electric aircraft are now entering markets in regions around the world; and

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WHEREAS, these new electric technologies will reduce the 14 cost of transportation between islands especially as the cost of fossil fuels increases; and

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WHEREAS, Hawaii is a unique regional market of significant population and travel density in which to deploy new technologies and services making it ideally suited to serve as an incubator for short-range sea and air travel between the islands as vehicles scale up in size and range; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Transportation is requested to establish a zero emissions interisland transportation working group; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to advise and recommend plans regarding zero emissions interisland transportation to the Governor and Legislature and develop metrics, benchmarks, plans and recommendations for stakeholders; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is further requested to identify opportunities to coordinate with and pursue funding from other groups, agencies, and programs in and outside of the State that are working to achieve zero emissions transportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.

OFFERED BY:

