
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A TASK
FORCE ON BEST PRACTICES AND SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO GREEN
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IN
JURISDICTIONS OUTSIDE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, taxpayers repeatedly identify transportation
2 infrastructure as one of the most significant and deserving
3 recipients of taxpayer monies; and
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5 WHEREAS, climate change poses a serious threat to the
6 State's economy, sustainability, and natural resources; and
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8 WHEREAS, the effects of climate change have made
9 implementing sustainable design concepts more critical, as each
10 passing year has seen increased temperatures and other impacts
11 from climate change; and
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13 WHEREAS, sustainable design concepts for transportation and
14 public infrastructure incorporate green vegetation and trees to
15 decrease urban temperatures, reduce carbon emissions, improve
16 air quality, and capture water to replenish the water table; and
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18 WHEREAS, Act 131, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, requires the
19 Department of Transportation, when planning, designing, and
20 implementing ground transportation infrastructure, to endeavor
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- 23 (1) Reduce carbon emissions and greenhouse gasses to meet
24 state renewable portfolio standards established in
25 section 269-92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and zero
26 emissions clean economy by 2045 pursuant to section
27 225P-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
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1 (2) Reduce urban temperatures by incorporating tree canopy
2 and foliage over hardened surfaces; and

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4 (3) Beautify public infrastructure; and

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6 WHEREAS, understanding the landscape of international
7 efforts to green transportation and public infrastructure can
8 assist the Department of Transportation and other state agencies
9 with green infrastructure plans to combat climate change; now,
10 therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
14 House of Representatives concurring, that the Director of
15 Transportation is requested to convene a task force on best
16 practices and successful efforts to green transportation
17 infrastructure and public infrastructure in jurisdictions
18 outside of Hawaii; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
21 include:

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23 (1) A member of the Senate, to be appointed by the
24 President of the Senate, to serve as the co-chair of
25 the task force;

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27 (2) A member of the House of Representatives, to be
28 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
29 Representatives, to serve as the co-chair of the task
30 force;

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32 (3) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's
33 designee;

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35 (4) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
36 Resources, or the Chairperson's designee;

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38 (5) The Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable
39 Development, or the Director's designee;

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41 (6) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee; and
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1 (7) Other relevant stakeholders invited by the co-chairs
2 of the task force; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
5 consider:
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7 (1) A survey of successful efforts in other jurisdictions
8 to green transportation infrastructure and public
9 infrastructure; and
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11 (2) An analysis of the procedural steps necessary for the
12 State and counties to green existing and planned
13 transportation infrastructure and public
14 infrastructure; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
17 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
18 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
19 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
20 2023; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
23 Transportation is requested to provide statistics and other
24 information as may be requested by the task force to assist in
25 the timely completion of the study; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
29 Transportation, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
30 Resources, Comptroller, Director of the Office of Planning and
31 Sustainable Development, President of the Senate, and Speaker of
32 the House of Representatives.

