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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, the State's existing carbon emissions and
2 greenhouse gasses goals are to have a zero emissions clean
3 economy by 2045; and
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5 WHEREAS, transportation accounts for the majority of
6 Hawaii's greenhouse gas emissions; and
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8 WHEREAS, electric ferries of significant commercial scale
9 already operate in coastal areas of Europe and commercial
10 electric aircraft are now entering markets in regions around the
11 world; and
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13 WHEREAS, these new electric technologies will reduce the
14 cost of transportation between islands especially as the cost of
15 fossil fuels increases; and
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17 WHEREAS, Hawaii is a unique regional market of significant
18 population and travel density in which to deploy new
19 technologies and services making it ideally suited to serve as
20 an incubator for short-range sea and air travel between the
21 islands as vehicles scale up in size and range; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
25 that the Department of Transportation is requested to establish
26 a zero emissions interisland transportation working group; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
29 to advise and recommend plans regarding zero emissions
30 interisland transportation to the Governor and Legislature and
31 develop metrics, benchmarks, plans and recommendations for
32 stakeholders; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is further
35 requested to identify opportunities to coordinate with and
36 pursue funding from other groups, agencies, and programs in and



1 outside of the State that are working to achieve zero emissions
2 transportation; and

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

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