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## SENATE RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ADDRESS RAPIDLY ESCALATING COSTS  
OF TRANSPORTATION IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, according to the 2022 Bureau of Labor Statistics  
2 report, Hawaii transportation costs have risen twenty-three  
3 percent in the last twelve months; and  
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5 WHEREAS, a 2021 report by Ulupono Initiative found that  
6 transportation costs averaged between \$8,000-\$13,000 per  
7 individual, and \$20,000-\$25,000 per two car families; and  
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9 WHEREAS, public costs from local, county, state, and  
10 federal governments to build, repair, and maintain public roads,  
11 regardless of vehicle ownership amount to \$15,000-\$24,000 per  
12 household; and  
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14 WHEREAS, gas, electricity, insurance, maintenance, and  
15 vehicle ownership costs are rapidly rising; and  
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17 WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of  
18 Transportation and Federal Highway Administration calculations,  
19 taxpayers pay indirect costs around \$3.3 billion annually for  
20 injuries and fatalities, in addition to other costs such as  
21 congestion, parking subsidies, and emissions; and  
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23 WHEREAS, lack of bike, pedestrian, and public transit  
24 infrastructure disproportionately hurts lower income  
25 communities, particularly in urban areas; and  
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27 WHEREAS, a 2021 report by the Oahu Metropolitan Planning  
28 Organization found that county and state expenditures on  
29 pedestrian and bike infrastructure result in safe bike,  
30 pedestrian, and public transit infrastructure being largely  
31 unavailable for most families; and  
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33 WHEREAS, it is unfair to force the forty percent of the  
34 population that does not drive to pay for infrastructure that  
35 does not apply to them; and  
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1 WHEREAS, if safe bike, pedestrian, and public transit  
2 infrastructure were more widely available to make commuting more  
3 flexible for families then many families could get by with one  
4 car instead of two; and

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6 WHEREAS, additionally there is a generational shift  
7 occurring among licensed youth in Hawaii, from ninety-nine  
8 percent of licensees among Hawaii's youth in 2000, to just sixty  
9 percent today, and the State's infrastructure has not yet  
10 adapted to this decline; and

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12 WHEREAS, according to the 2019 Statista Global Consumer  
13 Survey, eighty-six percent of the national population commutes  
14 by car, ten percent by public transit, and five percent by bike,  
15 but in Hawaii this is lopsided; and

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17 WHEREAS, Hawaii can learn from other places that have  
18 successfully modernized and reduced cost of transportation for  
19 local residents; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,  
23 that a task force is requested to be convened to evaluate how  
24 the State can lower the cost of transportation; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to:

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28 (1) Look at modern best practices and successful examples  
29 in other places;  
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31 (2) Evaluate all relevant studies; and  
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33 (3) Conclude findings and recommendations; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
36 consist of the following members or their designees:

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38 (1) A member of the Senate who shall be appointed by the  
39 President of the Senate and serve as co-chair of the  
40 task force;  
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(2) A member of the House of Representatives who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and serve as co-chair of the task force;

(3) The Director of Transportation;

(4) The Director of the State Energy Office;

(5) The Superintendent of Education;

(6) The Director of Health;

(7) A representative from the Ulupono Initiative;

(8) A representative from the American Association of Retired Persons Hawaii;

(9) A representative from the Hawaii Bicycling League; and

(10) One member with expertise addressing cost of transportation in other jurisdictions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the co-chairs of the task force may invite other interested parties to join the task force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force are requested to serve without compensation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to submit:

(1) An initial report to the Legislature no later than December 1, 2022; and

(2) A final report to the Legislature no later than December 1, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation, Director of the State Energy Office, Superintendent of Education, Director of Health, President of the Ulupono



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1 Initiative, Director of the American Association of Retired  
2 Persons Hawaii, and Director of the Hawaii Bicycling League.

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OFFERED BY:

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