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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INCREASE LOCAL FUNDING FOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS AND TO PURSUE FURTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE FEDERAL BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW.

1 WHEREAS, the cost of building and maintaining
2 infrastructure is one of the most costly annual expenses to the
3 State of Hawaii; and

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5 WHEREAS, the new Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will
6 provide an injection of federal funding that creates an
7 opportunity for the State of Hawaii to reduce the cost of
8 building new infrastructure; and

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10 WHEREAS, much of the new federal money will come in the
11 form of new or expanded programs, formula funding, and
12 discretionary grants, which will require additional resources to
13 apply for and manage; and

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15 WHEREAS, planning is an essential part of the federal
16 funding process and deemed necessary by the federal government
17 to take advantage of certain funding opportunities; and

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19 WHEREAS, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are
20 essential in the process of receiving federal funding for
21 infrastructure projects; and

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23 WHEREAS, pursuant to federal law, U.S. Code Title 49
24 Chapter 5303(h)(1), MPOs have broad authority with respect to
25 planning infrastructure; and

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27 WHEREAS, the MPOs in the State of Hawaii have traditionally
28 been understaffed when compared with other MPOs across the
29 United States and in relation to the importance of their role,
30 as such the State has lost potential opportunities to receive



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1 additional federal funding for infrastructure projects; now,
2 therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
7 Transportation is requested to increase local funding for
8 Metropolitan Planning Organizations in order to pursue
9 additional discretionary funding opportunities resulting from
10 the new Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
14 Transportation and Executive Directors of all local Metropolitan
15 Planning Organizations in the State of Hawaii.
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OFFERED BY:

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