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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO COLLABORATE TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, ADMINISTER, AND MANAGE VARIOUS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC FACILITIES THAT INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO CONSTRUCTION OR CONVERSION OF PARKING STALLS TO ACCOMMODATE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING, SECURE BICYCLE STORAGE LOCKERS, AND PARKING STALL SHARING BETWEEN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

1 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State to reduce
2 the cost of living and cost of transportation for public
3 employees and residents of public housing; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii has the highest cost of living in the
6 United States; and
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8 WHEREAS, the single fastest growing contributor to an
9 increasing cost of living in the State is now the rising cost of
10 transportation; and
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12 WHEREAS, Hawaii residents already pay among the highest
13 cost to commute in the country due to increasingly expensive
14 fossil fuels and lack of cheaper transit options; and
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16 WHEREAS, ensuring future access to electric vehicle
17 charging stations and secure bicycle storage in public
18 facilities will reduce the cost of transportation for public
19 employees and residents of public housing; and
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21 WHEREAS, many people are opting to drive electric vehicles,
22 which are significantly cheaper to operate and maintain than gas
23 vehicles, and many major manufacturers have already committed to
24 cease the production and sale of gas-powered vehicles by 2030
25 and 2035, respectively; and
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1 WHEREAS, the infrastructure for charging those vehicles in
2 public facilities does not exist despite the demand, which will
3 continue to increase significantly; and
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5 WHEREAS, due to lack of secure storage options, bicycle
6 theft at public facilities is a pervasive problem even when they
7 are locked in racks; and
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9 WHEREAS, this limits the ability of public employees to
10 save, on average, nearly \$13,000 each year by commuting to work
11 by bicycle rather than by car; and
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13 WHEREAS, in order to save money, public employees who
14 commute by car and pay for parking at their workplace are
15 inclined to split the cost of sharing a single stall with
16 colleagues while carpooling in different cars on different days;
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19 WHEREAS, the Department of Accounting and General Services
20 currently prohibits public employees from sharing parking stalls
21 at their workplace; and
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23 WHEREAS, the collaboration of the Department of
24 Transportation and the Department of Accounting and General
25 Services is required to resolve these issues, which will reduce
26 the cost of transportation for those who work or live in public
27 facilities; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
32 Transportation and Department of Accounting and General Services
33 are urged to collaborate to develop, implement, administer, and
34 manage various transportation system programs at public
35 facilities that include but are not limited to construction or
36 conversion of parking stalls to accommodate electric vehicle
37 charging, secure bicycle storage lockers, and parking stall
38 sharing between public employees; and
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