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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE ON MOBILITY MANAGEMENT, ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ACT 214, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2013.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013 (Act 214),  
2 established a task force on mobility management within the  
3 department of health. The task force was required to make  
4 recommendations on establishing a transportation framework to  
5 assist elders and individuals having disabilities with  
6 transportation needs in each county, including recommendations  
7 relating to the state budget and program development.

8           In enacting Act 214, the legislature found that Hawaii's  
9 residents, including elders and individuals having disabilities,  
10 should be able to live at home with the supports they need so  
11 that they can participate in communities that value their  
12 contributions. The legislature also found that statewide,  
13 especially in rural communities, many residents are without  
14 family members nearby to provide transportation and are too  
15 frail or disabled to access public transit. Transportation  
16 services are often fragmented, underutilized, or difficult to



1 navigate, and can be costly because of inconsistent,  
2 duplicative, and often restrictive federal and state program  
3 rules and regulations. Due to these circumstances, there is a  
4 need for a policy on mobility management, a concept in which a  
5 single entity in a geographical area is charged with knowing and  
6 deploying the entire array of transportation resources  
7 available.

8 Act 214 required the department of health, through the  
9 executive office on aging, to submit an interim report to the  
10 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
11 the regular session of 2014, and a final report to the  
12 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
13 the regular session of 2015.

14 The legislature finds that the task force's final report,  
15 submitted to the legislature on January 30, 2015, addressed the  
16 development and establishment of a mobility management program  
17 and mobility center in a geographical area; cost and  
18 qualifications of transportation or mobility coordinators, or  
19 both; logistics of developing a mobility center or program, or  
20 both; and development of a mobility management master plan for  
21 each county, and recommended that the State continue to support



1 the counties' efforts in developing their respective mobility  
2 management program with the following suggested actions:

- 3 (1) Fund local mobility projects identified by the county  
4 as priority strategies;
- 5 (2) Provide state leadership and coordination for the four  
6 counties to leverage federal funding;
- 7 (3) Establish a statewide purchasing cooperative among the  
8 counties and human service providers to procure new  
9 vehicles, technologies, and equipment; and
- 10 (4) Support a permanent funding source in any future state  
11 or local tax initiative for human service  
12 transportation.

13 The legislature further finds that there is still a strong  
14 need for mobility management in the State and it is critical  
15 that the recommendations of the task force are implemented.

16 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to make an  
17 appropriation to the department of transportation to implement  
18 the recommendations of the task force on mobility management,  
19 established pursuant to Act 214.

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
2 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
3 year 2024-2025 for the implementation of the recommendations  
4 made by the task force on mobility management, established  
5 pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, including  
6 funding the establishment of the following positions:

- 7 (1) Three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) mobility manager  
8 positions, one each for the counties of Hawaii, Kauai,  
9 and Maui;
- 10 (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) statewide outreach  
11 position; and
- 12 (3) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) statewide  
13 coordinator position.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
15 of transportation for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Health; Task Force on Mobility Management; DOT; Appropriations

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Department of Transportation to implement the recommendations of the task force on mobility management established pursuant to Act 214, SLH 2013. (SD2)

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