HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTION COMMISSION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO DEVELOP VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED REDUCTION STRATEGIES AND MAKE RELATED RECOMMENDATIONS.

WHEREAS, decreasing transportation-related emissions is essential to achieving the State's greenhouse gas reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission found that vehicle miles traveled is an important measurement to track the State's efforts on greenhouse gas reduction; and

WHEREAS, current strategies to mitigate vehicle miles traveled in the State are ineffective; and

WHEREAS, vehicle miles traveled have increased almost forty percent over the last twenty-five years and, without intervention, are projected to continue to increase; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, that the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission, in collaboration with the Department of Transportation, is requested to:

(1) Develop vehicle miles traveled reduction strategies;

(2) Recommend a statewide vehicle miles traveled reduction target;

(3) Recommend benchmarks for, and evaluate progress toward, the vehicle miles traveled reduction target; and

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(4) Identify state and county agencies to collaborate and coordinate on the implementation of vehicle miles traveled reduction policies, strategies, and programs; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than forty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Co-Chairpersons of the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission and Director of Transportation.