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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OAHU METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO  
CONTINUE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT  
FOCUS ON EDUCATING KEY DECISION MAKERS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY, PLANNING, FUNDING, AND  
IMPLEMENTATION.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii has one of the highest costs of  
2 transportation per capita in the country and among the highest  
3 rates of transportation-related fatalities and injuries; and  
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5           WHEREAS, different jurisdictions have tried to utilize a  
6 number of different methods to achieve their transportation  
7 safety goals and reduce the cost of multimodal and public  
8 transit for local families; and  
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10           WHEREAS, a number of other jurisdictions that struggled to  
11 overcome similar transportation-related challenges as Hawaii  
12 have managed to successfully reduce their cost of transportation  
13 for residents over time, with some also having reduced  
14 fatalities nearly to zero; and  
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16           WHEREAS, Hawaii can learn from the proven lessons in other  
17 jurisdictions and apply these strategies and best practices to  
18 reduce its cost of transportation for local residents and  
19 improve safety on roads and highways; and  
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21           WHEREAS, some of the transportation-related challenges  
22 Hawaii faces include a system of governance that involves  
23 multiple agencies and levels of government that split the  
24 decision-making process amongst a host of different officials;  
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27           WHEREAS, joint policy and implementation strategy workshops  
28 that engage multiple agencies and levels of government in



1 conversations with those who have successfully achieved progress  
2 can help accelerate progress and success across silos; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization has  
5 been operating a successful transportation project management  
6 training program to help state and county decision makers and  
7 employees working on transportation issues to meet with and  
8 learn from their peers in other jurisdictions since 2023; and  
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10 WHEREAS, successful transportation training programs  
11 typically involve peer exchanges and mobile workshops where  
12 participants meet and learn from their counterparts in other  
13 model jurisdictions that have employed best practices, gain  
14 firsthand experience as both designers and users of innovative  
15 transportation infrastructure, and understand the unexpected and  
16 unplanned for pros and cons of implemented solutions; and  
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18 WHEREAS, state and county decision makers, including  
19 employees, department heads, and elected and appointed officials  
20 responsible for funding and implementing transit policy and  
21 projects, would benefit from training programs involving  
22 discussions with their peers in those jurisdictions that have  
23 successfully improved transportation safety and cost; now,  
24 therefore,  
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the  
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the Oahu Metropolitan  
29 Planning Organization is requested to continue transportation  
30 management training programs that focus on educating key  
31 decision makers responsible for transportation policy, planning,  
32 funding, and implementation; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the transportation management  
35 training programs be designed to help decision makers achieve  
36 state and county transportation goals including improving  
37 transportation safety and providing a multimodal transportation  
38 system that can expand opportunities for residents to lower  
39 their transportation costs; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the transportation management  
42 training programs also provide for peer-to-peer learning and



1 collaboration with other jurisdictions that demonstrate  
2 implementation of innovative best practices and have achieved  
3 successful outcomes; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
7 of Transportation, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu,  
8 Mayor of the County of Maui, Mayor of the County of Kauai, Mayor  
9 of the County of Hawaii, Director of the Department of  
10 Transportation Services, Director of the Maui County Department  
11 of Transportation, and Executive Director of the Oahu  
12 Metropolitan Planning Organization.

