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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OAHU METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO
COORDINATE A TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM.

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 challenges as Hawaii have managed to
12 successfully reduce their cost of transportation for residents
13 over time, with some having reduced fatalities nearly to zero;
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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 the cost of transportation for local residents and
19 improve safety on roads and highways; and
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21 WHEREAS, some of the challenges Hawaii faces include a
22 system of transportation governance that involves multiple
23 agencies and levels of government that split the decision-making
24 process amongst a host of different officials; and
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26 WHEREAS, joint policy and implementation strategy workshops
27 engaging multiple agencies and levels of government in
28 conversations with those who have successfully achieved progress
29 can help accelerate progress and success across silos; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization has
32 been operating a successful transportation project management
33 training program to help state and county decision makers and
34 employees working on transportation issues to meet with and
35 learn from their peers in other jurisdictions since 2023; and
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1 WHEREAS, successful transportation training programs will
2 typically involve peer exchanges and mobile workshops where
3 participants meet and learn from their counterparts in other
4 model jurisdictions employing best practices, gain firsthand
5 experience as both designers and users of innovative
6 transportation infrastructure, and understand the unexpected and
7 unplanned for pros and cons of implemented solutions; and
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9 WHEREAS, state and county decision makers, including
10 employees, department heads, and elected and appointed officials
11 responsible for funding and implementing transit policy and
12 projects, would benefit from training programs involving
13 discussions with their peers in those jurisdictions that have
14 successfully improved transportation safety and cost; now,
15 therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
19 that the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization is requested to
20 continue transportation management training programs focused on
21 educating key decision makers responsible for transportation
22 policy, planning, funding, and implementation; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the transportation management
25 training programs be designed to help decision makers achieve
26 state and county transportation goals including improving
27 transportation safety and providing a multimodal transportation
28 system that can expand opportunities for residents to lower
29 their transportation costs, among other issues; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the transportation management
32 training programs provide for peer-to-peer learning and
33 collaboration with other jurisdictions that demonstrate
34 implementation of innovative best practices and have achieved
35 successful outcomes; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
38 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of
39 Transportation, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Mayor
40 of the County of Maui, Mayor of the County of Kauai, Mayor of
41 the County of Hawaii, Director of the Department of
42 Transportation Services, Director of the Maui County Department



1 of Transportation, and Executive Director of the Oahu
2 Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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