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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



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