

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 154

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred  
H.C.R. No. 154 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I  
TO EXPAND THE HELE-ON SHARED RIDE PROGRAM TO SERVE THE ENTIRE  
ISLAND OF HAWAI'I, INCLUDING RURAL AND UNDERSERVED AREAS SUCH  
AS WEST HAWAI'I, NORTH KOHALA, SOUTH KOHALA, KA'Ū, AND PUNA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the County of  
Hawai'i to expand the Hele-On Shared Ride Program to serve the  
entire island of Hawai'i, including rural and underserved areas  
such as west Hawai'i, North Kohala, South Kohala, Ka'ū, and Puna.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and one  
individual.

Your Committee finds that reliable, affordable, and  
accessible transportation is essential for residents to access  
health care, employment, and other critical services, yet  
significant gaps remain for individuals living in rural and  
underserved areas of the island of Hawai'i. Currently, the Hele-On  
Shared Ride Program operates only in east Hawai'i, leaving  
communities in west Hawai'i, North and South Kohala, Ka'ū, and Puna  
without access to comparable on-demand transportation services.  
This measure improves transportation equity and access for all



residents by requesting the expansion of the Hele-On Shared Ride Program island-wide and encouraging collaboration and strategic implementation with appropriate stakeholders.

Your Committee notes that should the County of Hawaii expand the Hele-On Shared Ride Program, it should ensure that the expansion does not cause any disruption to existing public transportation routes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 154 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Transportation,



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DARIUS KILA, Chair



