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H.B. NO. 823

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Department of Transportation.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 26-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“§26-19 Department of transportation. The department of transportation shall be headed by a single executive to be known as the director of transportation.

The department shall establish, maintain, and operate transportation facilities of the State, including highways, airports, harbors, and such other transportation facilities and activities as may be authorized by law.

The department shall develop and promote ridesharing programs which shall include but not be limited to, carpool and vanpool programs, and may assist organizations interested in promoting similar programs, and arrange for contracts with private organizations to manage and operate any such programs. Ridesharing programs include informal arrangements in which three or more persons ride

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together in a motor vehicle for four or more days a week to or from work or school.

The functions and authority heretofore exercised by the department of public works with respect to highways are transferred to the department of transportation established by this chapter.

On July 1, 1961, the Hawaii aeronautics commission, the board of harbor commissioners and the highway commission shall be abolished and their remaining functions, duties, and powers shall be transferred to the department of transportation.

Upon the abolishment of the Hawaii aeronautics commission, the board of harbor commissioners, and the highway commission, there shall be established within the department of transportation a commission to be known as the commission on transportation which shall sit in an advisory capacity to the director of transportation on matters within the jurisdiction of the department of transportation. The commission on transportation shall consist of [nine members,] one member from each senatorial district and three members at large.

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 12, 1981.)