

ACT 320

H.B. NO. 2684

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Zipper Lane.

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

SECTION 1. Hawaii's highways are necessary to accommodate the transportation needs of the people of the State. Increased time spent on the road in travel decreases work efficiency, time spent with family or at work, and quality of life. As the population grows, especially on the west side of Oahu, the need for travel lanes will increase.

High occupancy vehicle lanes, such as zipper lanes, reduce the number of cars on the road by providing an incentive to carpool. However, the zipper lane could be more effective if it extended westward from Waipahu toward Kapolei, west of the Kunia on-ramp.

The purpose of this Act is to require the department of transportation to conduct a study on the feasibility of extending the zipper lane westward from Waipahu toward Kapolei, west of the Kunia on-ramp.

SECTION 2: (a) The department of transportation shall conduct a study on the feasibility of extending the zipper lane westward from Waipahu toward Kapolei, west of the Kunia on-ramp on the island of Oahu. The feasibility study shall include but not be limited to the following:

- (1) A review of existing traffic conditions and how traffic conditions can be improved by extending the zipper lane westward;
- (2) The number and locations of additional entrances to the zipper lane;
- (3) A cost-benefit analysis of extending the zipper lane westward;

- (4) An identification and evaluation of desired, intended, and unintended effects of extending the zipper lane westward;
- (5) A timetable for the construction of this extension; and
- (6) Any other issues deemed necessary or relevant by the director of transportation.

(b) The department of transportation shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations, including any necessary proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2014.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the state highway fund the sum of \$200,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for a study on the feasibility of extending the zipper lane westward from Waipahu toward Kapolei, west of the Kunia on-ramp.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of transportation for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

(Approved July 10, 2012.)