
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COMPTROLLER TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY PUBLIC
TRANSIT BENEFIT PROGRAM FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.

1 WHEREAS, section 132(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, known
2 as the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, allows
3 employers to offer qualified parking and transit expenses on a
4 pre-tax basis, providing employees with an opportunity to save
5 money on FICA, federal, and state income taxes; and
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7 WHEREAS, currently, state employees may choose to
8 participate in the Flex Park benefit program that allows
9 eligible parking fees to be deducted before federal, state, and
10 FICA taxes are calculated; and
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12 WHEREAS, although City and County of Honolulu employees may
13 participate in TheBus Tax Saving Bonus program and receive
14 similar pre-tax savings for monthly bus passes or transit
15 vouchers for Vanpool Hawaii, TheHandi-Van, and LOTMA TransHawaii
16 commuter bus service, there is no program that provides the same
17 public transit benefit program to state employees; and
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19 WHEREAS, it would both encourage the use of alternative
20 transportation and benefit state employees to have a voluntary
21 public transit benefit program similar to Flex Park that allows
22 state employees to purchase a monthly bus pass with pre-tax
23 payroll deductions, as allowed by section 132(f) of the Internal
24 Revenue Code; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Comptroller is
29 requested to establish a voluntary public transit benefit
30 program (program) for state employees that allows for the
31 purchase of monthly bus passes with monthly payroll deductions
32 before state, federal, and FICA taxes are deducted for transport
33 in the City and County of Honolulu; and

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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing the program, the
3 Comptroller is requested to coordinate with the City and County
4 of Honolulu; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Comptroller is requested to
7 implement the program beginning on January 1, 2007; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Comptroller is requested to
10 submit a report to the Legislature no later than twenty days
11 before the convening of the Regular Session of 2007 on the
12 progress made toward implementing the program; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller and the
16 Mayor and Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu.