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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE GREENBELTS STRATEGY TO  
PROMOTE IDENTIFICATION OR DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS THAT ARE BASED ON THE REDUCTION OF  
AUTOMOBILE USE OR ALTERNATIVES TO THE AUTOMOBILE.

1 WHEREAS, current land planning fosters dependency on  
2 personal automobiles by placing homes far from jobs and  
3 businesses; and  
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5 WHEREAS, as a result, approximately 90 percent of personal  
6 travel in Hawaii is by private automobiles, which pollutes the  
7 air, contributes to traffic congestion on highways, and wastes  
8 energy reserves; and  
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10 WHEREAS, suburban development also sprawls over the  
11 countryside, contributing to the deterioration of Hawaii's  
12 natural beauty; and  
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14 WHEREAS, it is necessary for the State and counties to  
15 reevaluate land use policies to reduce dependency on personal  
16 automobiles and imported oil used to fuel travel; and  
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18 WHEREAS, new policies should promote mixed-use pedestrian-  
19 oriented communities around transit hubs that integrate  
20 affordable housing, work, and shopping areas, and create  
21 neighborhoods that encourage walking and biking; and  
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23 WHEREAS, greenbelts promote non-motorized modes of  
24 transportation, such as walking, jogging, hiking, bicycling,  
25 skating, and horseback riding, and create integrated ground  
26 transportation and recreational system; and



1 WHEREAS, greenbelts benefit urban, suburban, and rural  
2 habitats, create and enhance recreational activities and  
3 opportunities, and enhance visitor attractions and associated  
4 business opportunities; and  
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6 WHEREAS, it is possible to obtain federal funding for  
7 greenbelts under the Intermodal Surface Transportation  
8 Efficiency Act; and  
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10 WHEREAS, greenbelts also provide a resource guideline for  
11 further acquisition of public, private, and government lands to  
12 be used for public recreation and non-motorized transit; now,  
13 therefore,  
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
16 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
17 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, the Department of  
18 Transportation (DOT), in conjunction with the Department of Land  
19 and Natural Resources, is requested to develop a statewide  
20 greenbelts strategy to promote identification or development of  
21 transportation management systems that are based on the  
22 reduction of automobile use or alternatives to the automobile,  
23 pursuant to Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, while  
24 preserving the natural resources and beauty of the state; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOT is requested to submit a  
27 report to the Legislature on the status of the strategy,  
28 including any proposed legislation, no later than 20 days prior  
29 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
33 Transportation and Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
34 Resources.  
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