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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY INNOVATIVE  
TECHNOLOGIES AND MODELS FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES.

1 WHEREAS, the demand for efficient public transit services  
2 rises as the state population increases; and  
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4 WHEREAS, according to the *State Transportation Statistics*  
5 2005 published by the U.S. Department of Transportation, of the  
6 575,045 workers in Hawaii in 2004, 68.4 per cent traveled alone  
7 by car or truck, 16.4 per cent carpooled, 5.5 per cent used  
8 public transportation, and 1.8 per cent traveled by taxicab or  
9 motorcycle to work; and  
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11 WHEREAS, during the week days, only a small percentage of  
12 Hawaii's workforce that needs to commute to work are using  
13 public transit services, and are instead adding to highway and  
14 road congestion and spending more time on the road; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the senior citizen population in Hawaii is also  
17 increasing, which adds to the demand for better and more  
18 efficient transit services to accommodate their transportation  
19 needs; and  
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21 WHEREAS, new and innovative technologies and models are  
22 available for the transit industry to improve and diversify its  
23 services, such as global positioning systems, wireless  
24 technology, and computer software; and  
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26 WHEREAS, better organization and consolidation of the  
27 transit routes, flexible transit schedules, and an expanded  
28 range of fare options can better accommodate commuters and  
29 create public transit as a more attractive and economically  
30 feasible alternative; and  
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32 WHEREAS, as a result, commuters will be able to leave their  
33 cars at home, lessen traffic congestion, save money that would



1 have been spent for gasoline, and speed up their commute times;  
2 now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
6 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
7 Transportation is urged to study new and innovative technologies  
8 and models for public transit services; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
11 Transportation is requested to consult with the Public Utilities  
12 Commission, the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the  
13 counties to:

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- 15 (1) Identify new and innovative available technologies and  
16 models that have the potential to be beneficial to  
17 Hawaii's public transit services;  
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  - 19 (2) Review current public transit activities,  
20 technologies, and models and policies, and evaluate  
21 their effectiveness;  
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  - 23 (3) Review other jurisdictions' activities, technologies,  
24 and models and policies to derive the best practice  
25 models therefrom;  
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  - 27 (4) Evaluate the feasibility of adopting new and  
28 innovative technologies and models; and  
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  - 30 (5) Establish findings and develop recommendations on how  
31 the State can improve and create more efficient public  
32 transit services; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
35 Transportation is requested to report its findings and  
36 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days  
37 before the convening of the Regular Session 2008; and  
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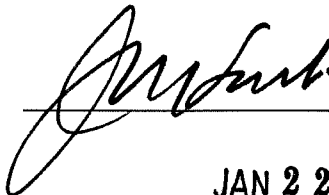
39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
41 Transportation; the Chair of the Public Utilities Commission;  
42 the Executive Director of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning  
43 Organization; the Director of the Transportation Services  
44 Department, City and County of Honolulu; the Administrator of



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1 the Mass Transit Agency, County of Hawaii; the Administrator of  
2 the Transportation Agency, County of Kauai; and the Director of  
3 the Department of Transportation, County of Maui.

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6 OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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