
HOUSE RESOLUTION

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
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28 WHEREAS, greenbelts benefit urban, suburban, and rural
29 habitats, create and enhance recreational activities and
30 opportunities, and enhance visitor attractions and associated
31 business opportunities; and



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

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