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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, AND VANPOOL HAWAII TO WORK
COOPERATIVELY TO CREATE A SENIOR VAN POOL PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, senior citizens are most in need of ordinary daily
2 transportation; and

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4 WHEREAS, many senior citizens cannot drive safely and
5 therefore do not drive themselves; and

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7 WHEREAS, currently, public transportation is limited to the
8 public bus or the handi-van service; and

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10 WHEREAS, many seniors may prefer not to ride the bus or may
11 not otherwise qualify for the handi-van; and

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13 WHEREAS, it is this gap group of the population who would
14 benefit from a senior vanpool arrangement with volunteer
15 drivers; and

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17 WHEREAS, a senior citizen could utilize a vanpool for
18 transportation to locations within the community, including food
19 establishments, adult day care, shopping centers, markets, and
20 recreational centers; and

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22 WHEREAS, chapter 279E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides
23 for the State and the counties to furnish a ridesharing
24 arrangement; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation contracts with
27 Vanpool Hawaii to provide a ridesharing program for commuters;
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30 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu provides a
31 handi-van service; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
 3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
 4 Transportation, the Department of Transportation Services of the
 5 City and County of Honolulu, and Vanpool Hawaii are requested to
 6 work cooperatively to establish a senior vanpool program; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
 9 Transportation report to the Legislature no later than twenty
 10 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008 on
 11 its findings and recommendations to create a senior vanpool
 12 program, including sources of funding and proposed legislation,
 13 if necessary; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
 17 Transportation, Director of Transportation Services of the City
 18 and County of Honolulu, and Vanpool Hawaii.

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