

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 774

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,
to which was referred S.B. No. 774 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RIDESHARING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to create a senior vanpool
Hawaii program as a two-year pilot project.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Transportation, AARP Hawaii, and two
individuals.

Your Committee finds that senior citizens are most in need of
ordinary daily transportation. Currently, public transportation
is limited to the public bus or the handi-van service. Yet, many
seniors may prefer not to ride the bus or may not otherwise
qualify for the handi-van. It is this gap group of the population
who would benefit from a vanpool type arrangement with volunteer
drivers. Such a program would be patterned after the vanpool
arrangement for commute-to-work. For example, a senior citizen
could utilize a vanpool for transportation to locations within the
community, including food establishments, adult day care, shopping
centers, markets, and recreational centers. The proposed senior
vanpool Hawaii program is similar to the City and County of
Honolulu's Handi-Van service.

The intent of this measure is to increase the quality of life
for senior citizens who are not handicapped and yet have

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difficulty commuting on their own. This is the gap group that is underserved by public transportation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 774 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
International Affairs,



J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair



