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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 279A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§279A-       Statewide transportation plan; public  
5 involvement. (a) In carrying out the statewide transportation  
6 planning process, including development of all state  
7 transportation projects within the statewide transportation  
8 plan, the department of transportation shall develop and use a  
9 documented public involvement process that provides  
10 opportunities for public review and comment. At a minimum, the  
11 public involvement process shall:

12           (1) Establish early and continuous public involvement  
13           opportunities that provide timely information about  
14           transportation issues and decision-making processes to  
15           individuals, affected public agencies, representatives  
16           of public transportation employees, private providers  
17           of transportation, pedestrians, bicyclists,  
18           representatives of the disabled, providers of freight



- 1           transportation and shipping services, and other  
2           interested parties;
- 3           (2) Establish policies to provide public access to  
4           technical and policy information used in the  
5           development of the statewide transportation plan;
- 6           (3) Provide public notice of public involvement activities  
7           and time for public review and comment at key decision  
8           points, including a reasonable opportunity to comment  
9           on the proposed statewide transportation plan;
- 10          (4) To the maximum extent practicable, ensure that public  
11          meetings are held at convenient and accessible  
12          locations and times;
- 13          (5) To the maximum extent practicable, use visualization  
14          techniques to describe the proposed statewide  
15          transportation plan and supporting studies;
- 16          (6) To the maximum extent practicable, make public  
17          information available in an electronically accessible  
18          format, as appropriate, to afford an opportunity for  
19          consideration of public information;
- 20          (7) Demonstrate consideration and response to public input  
21          during the development of the statewide transportation  
22          plan;



1       (8) Include a process for seeking out and considering the  
2       needs of those traditionally underserved by existing  
3       transportation systems, such as low-income and  
4       minority households; and

5       (9) Provide for the periodic review of the effectiveness  
6       of the public involvement process to ensure that the  
7       process provides full and open access to all  
8       interested parties and revise the process, as  
9       appropriate.

10       (b) The department of transportation, at its discretion,  
11       shall be responsible for determining whether to adopt any  
12       proposed changes to the statewide transportation plan as a  
13       result of the public involvement process. If a proposed change  
14       is not adopted, the department of transportation shall make  
15       publicly available its reasons for not accepting the proposed  
16       change.

17       (c) The director of transportation shall adopt rules in  
18       accordance with chapter 91, to effectuate the purposes of this  
19       section."



# H.B. NO. 2708

1 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.  
 2 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Statewide Transportation Plan; Public Involvement

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Transportation to establish a public involvement process when developing the statewide transportation plan.

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