



GOV. MSG. NO. 1437

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR

July 10, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

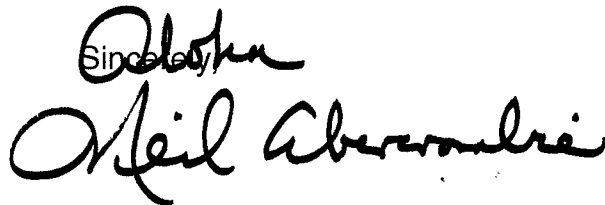
The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker  
and Members of the House  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 10, 2012, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2684 HD2 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO THE ZIPPER LANE.  
**Act 320 (12)**

*Sincerely,*  


NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawaii

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ZIPPER LANE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Hawaii's highways are necessary to accommodate  
 2 the transportation needs of the people of the State. Increased  
 3 time spent on the road in travel decreases work efficiency, time  
 4 spent with family or at work, and quality of life. As the  
 5 population grows, especially on the west side of Oahu, the need  
 6 for travel lanes will increase.

7 High occupancy vehicle lanes, such as zipper lanes, reduce  
 8 the number of cars on the road by providing an incentive to  
 9 carpool. However, the zipper lane could be more effective if it  
 10 extended westward from Waipahu toward Kapolei, west of the Kunia  
 11 on-ramp.

12 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
 13 transportation to conduct a study on the feasibility of  
 14 extending the zipper lane westward from Waipahu toward Kapolei,  
 15 west of the Kunia on-ramp.

16 SECTION 2. (a) The department of transportation shall  
 17 conduct a study on the feasibility of extending the zipper lane  
 18 westward from Waipahu toward Kapolei, west of the Kunia on-ramp



1 on the island of Oahu. The feasibility study shall include but  
2 not be limited to the following:

3 (1) A review of existing traffic conditions and how  
4 traffic conditions can be improved by extending the  
5 zipper lane westward;

6 (2) The number and locations of additional entrances to  
7 the zipper lane;

8 (3) A cost-benefit analysis of extending the zipper lane  
9 westward;

10 (4) An identification and evaluation of desired, intended,  
11 and unintended effects of extending the zipper lane  
12 westward;

13 (5) A timetable for the construction of this extension;  
14 and

15 (6) Any other issues deemed necessary or relevant by the  
16 director of transportation.

17 (b) The department of transportation shall submit a  
18 written report of its findings and recommendations, including  
19 any necessary proposed legislation, to the legislature no later  
20 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
21 of 2014.



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the state highway  
2 fund the sum of \$200,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary  
3 for fiscal year 2012-2013 for a study on the feasibility of  
4 extending the zipper lane westward from Waipahu toward Kapolei,  
5 west of the Kunia on-ramp.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
7 transportation for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

APPROVED this 10 day of JUL , 2012



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

