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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP LEGISLATIVE  
RECOMMENDATIONS THAT INCLUDE HEALTH AS A PRIORITY IN LAND  
USE PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION DECISIONS.

1           WHEREAS, obesity is a major health and economic concern for  
2 Hawaii and the nation, causing higher medical costs and lower  
3 quality of life; and  
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5           WHEREAS, in Hawaii one in three children entering  
6 kindergarten is overweight or obese and one in two adults is  
7 overweight or obese; and  
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9           WHEREAS obesity-related medical expenditures in Hawaii were  
10 calculated to be over \$470 million in 2009, and are continuing  
11 to rise; and  
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13           WHEREAS, obesity is a complex and multifaceted issue  
14 requiring the collaboration of stakeholders in government, non-  
15 profit, private and health care sectors to create systematic  
16 large-scale environmental changes; and  
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18           WHEREAS, in the past two decades, the environments that  
19 affect opportunities for physical activity have changed  
20 drastically and obesity prevention initiatives need to focus on  
21 creating environments that provide opportunities for physical  
22 activity; and  
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24           WHEREAS, due to the significant effect of the built  
25 environment on health and the direct effect that transportation  
26 decisions have on land use and community design, Hawaii must  
27 work on transforming the current transportation and land use  
28 planning systems to achieve transportation and land use policies  
29 that promote health;  
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31           WHEREAS, all levels of government (federal, state, and  
32 local) have important responsibilities in transportation and

1 land use planning. From zoning regulations to the construction  
2 of transportation systems, government decisions regarding land  
3 use have a significant impact on public health; and  
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5 WHEREAS, public health practitioners have a critical role  
6 to play to achieve this transformation; and  
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8 WHEREAS, discussion between public health practitioners and  
9 all levels of government needs to take place to ensure  
10 coordination and collaboration between transportation and land  
11 use planning stakeholders; now, therefore,  
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13 BE IT RESOLVED that collaboration between state agencies is  
14 encouraged when developing policies that impact environmental  
15 factors that contribute to poor health and inequities; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
18 requested to establish a Healthy Community Design Task Force  
19 tasked with:  
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- 21 (1) Developing legislative recommendations that include  
22 improved health as a priority in land use planning and  
23 transportation decisions, including, but not limited  
24 to creating policies and funding for bicycle and  
25 pedestrian facilities on all appropriate streets,  
26 roads and highways statewide and adding health as a  
27 consideration in land use planning policies and  
28 decisions;
- 29 (2) Identification of agencies with funding or regulatory  
30 resources that can influence transportation and land  
31 use planning;
- 32 (3) Creation of goals and performance metrics for outcomes  
33 including but not limited to health and obesity;
- 34 (4) Creation of an action plan to achieve those metrics,  
35 the action plan should address changes needed in laws,  
36 policies, procedures, agency funding and regulatory  
37 processes; and
- 38 (5) Identification of synergistic initiatives and  
39 organizations for successful implementation of the  
40 action plan, including, but not limited to Aging in  
41 Place, reduction of Hawaii's dependence on imported  
42 fuel, mitigation of Hawaii's congestion problem  
43 particularly with respect to Honolulu, climate change,  
44 and safe routes to school; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Healthy Community Design Task Force include but not be limited to:

- (1) One member of the Governor's staff, appointed by the Governor;
- (2) One member to be appointed by the Governor from a list of two names submitted by the President of the Senate;
- (3) One member to be appointed by the Governor from a list of two names submitted by the President of the House of Representatives;
- (4) The Director of Health or Director's designee;
- (5) The Director of Transportation or Director's designee;
- (6) The Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources or director's designee;
- (7) The Superintendent of Education or Superintendent's designee;
- (8) A representative from County Department of Parks and Recreation;
- (9) A representative from each County's Public Works Department;
- (10) A representative from each County's Planning Department;
- (11) A representative from each County's Transportation Department;
- (12) A representative from the University of Hawaii's Department of Urban and Regional Planning or Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering;
- (13) A representative from the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization;
- (14) A representative from the Federal Highway Administration;
- (15) Three members having demonstrated interest in and having backgrounds beneficial to areas such as active transportation, land use planning, transportation, public health, and other related areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force serve without compensation and receive no reimbursement for expenses; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is requested to assist the task force by providing a facilitator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force cease to exist on June 30, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of Health, Director of Transportation, each County's Public Works Department, Transportation Department, and Planning Department, the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Federal Highway Administration.

OFFERED BY:



BY REQUEST

JAN 22 2013

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Health

TITLE: URGING THE FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT INCLUDE HEALTH AS A PRIORITY IN LAND USE PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION DECISIONS.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to align state agency transportation, housing, and land use policy to address social determinants of health.

MEANS: Adoption of the proposed concurrent resolution.

JUSTIFICATION: Physical activity is known as an effective prevention strategy for obesity. Greater consideration of bicycle lanes, walking and jogging lanes, and community playgrounds should be considered in transportation and land use planning projects.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: HTH 495.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: Department of Transportation; County planning offices.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.