
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION INCREASE THE
MINIMUM NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS REQUIRED IN A VEHICLE OPERATING
IN THE ZIPPER LANE.

1 WHEREAS, many Oahu residents spend hours in gridlock or
2 stop-and-go traffic during their commute each morning and
3 afternoon; and
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5 WHEREAS, the East-bound traffic in the morning hours is
6 especially heavy, particularly on the H1 and H2 Freeways, due in
7 large part to the high volume of vehicles and a lack of
8 incentive to carpool; and
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10 WHEREAS, the zipper lane was created as an express lane on
11 the freeway to benefit carpooling commuters and mitigate
12 traffic; and
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14 WHEREAS, the State currently requires that vehicle
15 operators who choose to use the zipper lane contain a minimum of
16 two passengers; and
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18 WHEREAS, the two passenger requirement does not
19 sufficiently encourage meaningful carpooling and the zipper lane
20 remains prone to gridlock traffic; and
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22 WHEREAS, the purpose of the zipper lane would be better
23 achieved by increasing the number of passengers required to be
24 in each vehicle in order for that vehicle to be able to use the
25 zipper lane, which would lessen the traffic in the zipper lane;
26 now, therefore,
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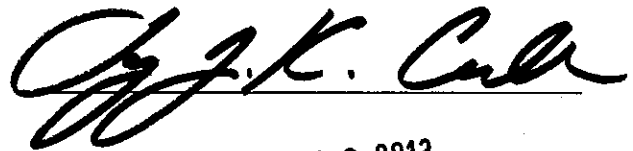
28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
30 Session of 2013, that the Director of Transportation is
31 requested to increase the minimum number of occupants required
32 in a vehicle for use of the zipper lane from two individuals to
33 three individuals; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the Director of
2 Transportation find that the zipper lane remains inefficient
3 after the minimum passenger number increases to three, the
4 Director is requested to further increase the minimum number of
5 occupants a vehicle operating within the zipper lane must carry
6 to increase the efficiency of the zipper lane; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.
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OFFERED BY:



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