
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 26-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§26-19 Department of transportation.** The department of
4 transportation shall be headed by a single executive to be known
5 as the director of transportation. The department shall
6 establish, maintain, and operate transportation facilities of
7 the State, including highways, airports, harbors, and such other
8 transportation facilities and activities as may be authorized by
9 law.

10 The department shall plan, develop, promote, and coordinate
11 various transportation systems management programs that shall
12 include, but not be limited to, alternate work and school hours
13 programs, bicycling programs, and ridesharing programs.

14 The department shall develop and promote ridesharing
15 programs which shall include but not be limited to, carpool and
16 vanpool programs, and may assist organizations interested in
17 promoting similar programs, arrange for contracts with private
18 organizations to manage and operate these programs, and assist

1 in the formulation of ridesharing arrangements. Ridesharing
2 programs include informal arrangements in which two or more
3 persons ride together in a motor vehicle.

4 The functions and authority heretofore exercised by the
5 department of public works with respect to highways are
6 transferred to the department of transportation established by
7 this chapter.

8 On July 1, 1961, the Hawaii aeronautics commission, the
9 board of harbor commissioners and the highway commission shall
10 be abolished and their remaining functions, duties, and powers
11 shall be transferred to the department of transportation.

12 ~~Upon the abolishment of the Hawaii aeronautics commission,~~
13 ~~the board of harbor commissioners, and the highway commission,~~
14 ~~there shall be established within the department of~~
15 ~~transportation a commission to be known as the commission on~~
16 ~~transportation which shall sit in an advisory capacity to the~~
17 ~~director of transportation on matters within the jurisdiction of~~
18 ~~the department of transportation. The commission on~~
19 ~~transportation shall consist of not more than eleven members,~~
20 ~~with the number of members from each county insofar as~~
21 ~~practicable being approximately proportional to the population~~
22 ~~of the respective counties to the population of the State,~~

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1 ~~provided that each of the four counties shall be represented by~~
2 ~~at least one member.] "~~

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Commission on Transportation; Repeal

Description:

Repeals the Commission on Transportation in the Department of Transportation.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Transportation

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION.

PURPOSE: To repeal the Commission on Transportation in the Department of Transportation.

MEANS: Amend section 26-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The Commission on Transportation, created in 1961 as an advisory committee to the Department of Transportation, is no longer necessary.

Impact on the public: Eliminating the Commission on Transportation will have no negative impact to the public.

Impact on the department and other agencies: This bill will streamline the operations of the Department of Transportation.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: TRN 995.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: The Office of the Governor.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.

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RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** to abolish the Commission on Transportation in its advisory capacity to the Director of Transportation on matters within the jurisdiction of the DOT.

Created in 1961 as an advisory commission, its purpose is no longer necessary today and will streamline the operations of the DOT without negative impact to the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**TESTIMONY OF OWEN MIYAMOTO, COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION
ON HOUSE BILL 983 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the House Committee on Transportation,

I am testifying in opposition to House Bill 983, Relating to Transportation.

I am one of eight remaining members of the Commission on Transportation, which is authorized a total of eleven members. The Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the Department of Transportation. Without the permission of the DOT to convene, the Commission has not been able to meet since April 2012 and select a Chair and Vice-Chair when the members serving those positions completed their terms on July 1, 2012.

The Commission was created by the Hawaii Revised Statutes on July 1, 1961 to replace the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission and the Board of Harbor Commissioners. In its advisory capacity it provides input to the operation and management of the DOT. The members are able to provide useful insight of the public on the programs of DOT that have an important influence on the economic activities of the State. The members possess experience in the business world and are willing to share their time and knowledge.

In the years that I was involved with the DOT, the commission meetings served as an opportunity to hear from the users of transportation facilities. This was especially true for the neighbor islands, whenever the Commission met on the neighbor islands. Input from that constituency is also available from the Commissioners representing the neighbor islands. It became apparent that there are many issues that need the attention of the DOT administrators as revealed in the Senate Investigative Committee hearings during 2010. More than just providing advice, the Commission is willing assist the Department in implementing change and should be allowed to continue their voluntary service to the DOT in seeking the most effective and efficient transportation system.

I urge you to table House Bill 983