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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. In August 2016, the department of
2 transportation expanded Oahu's zipper lane to accommodate two
3 lanes from 5:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., Monday through Friday, excluding
4 holidays. This increased capacity of the zipper lane by twenty
5 per cent, or an additional one thousand seven hundred vehicles
6 per hour. The use of these lanes requires two or more occupants
7 in the vehicle during the designated hours.

8 The legislature finds that charging single occupant
9 motorists a nominal fee to use the zipper lane may become a
10 source of additional revenue for the State while reducing
11 traffic on the regular freeway.

12 The purpose of this Act is to establish a three-year pilot
13 project for the department of transportation to develop and
14 implement a single occupant vehicle fee of \$1 for those
15 motorists using the zipper lane. This Act also appropriates
16 funds to develop and implement this pilot project.



1 SECTION 2. (a) The director of transportation shall
2 develop and implement a single occupant vehicle fee pilot
3 project. The pilot project shall authorize a vehicle with a
4 single occupant to use the zipper lane, provided that the
5 registered owner of the vehicle shall be assessed a \$1 fee for a
6 one-way trip.

7 (b) The director of transportation shall adopt rules in
8 accordance with chapter 91, necessary to carry out the purpose
9 of this section.

10 (c) The department of transportation shall submit:

11 (1) A progress report of its findings and recommendations
12 regarding the development and implementation of the
13 single occupant vehicle fee pilot project to the
14 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
15 convening of the regular sessions of 2018 and 2019.

16 The report shall include:

17 (A) The status of the development and implementation
18 of the pilot project;

19 (B) Proposed enforcement procedures for the pilot
20 project;

21 (C) Costs incurred in establishing the pilot project;



1 (D) The amount of fees collected and fee collection
2 methods;

3 (E) Impacts on traffic flow; and

4 (F) Any other matters regarding the pilot project;
5 and

6 (2) A final report on the pilot project, including any
7 recommendations for legislation, no later than twenty
8 days prior to the convening of the regular session of
9 2020.

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
13 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
14 2018-2019 for the purposes of developing and implementing the
15 single occupant vehicle fee pilot project established in section
16 2 of this Act.

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
18 of transportation for the purposes of this Act.



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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017, and
2 shall be repealed on June 30, 2020.

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S.B. NO. 606

Report Title:

Single Occupant Vehicle Fee Pilot Project; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a three-year pilot project that authorizes a vehicle with a single occupant to use the zipper lane for a fee. Appropriates funds to the department of transportation for the pilot project.

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