
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COUNTY
DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION TO SEEK GREATER FEDERAL
FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTING BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATHS AND
IMPROVING CURRENTLY AVAILABLE BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATH
INFRASTRUCTURE.

1 WHEREAS, providing multimodal transportation options such
2 as biking and walking improves access and mobility and
3 contributes to a range of policy goals related to equity,
4 health, economic development, and the environment; and
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6 WHEREAS, Hawaii's year-round, beautiful, and mild weather
7 makes biking and walking convenient and attractive modes of
8 transportation; and
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10 WHEREAS, while many individuals take advantage of Hawaii's
11 mild climate and use biking and walking as healthy alternative
12 modes of transportation, bicyclists and pedestrians face
13 numerous dangers in their commutes including inattentive
14 motorists and inadequate, decaying, or damaged infrastructure
15 such as crumbling sidewalks or an altogether lack of pedestrian
16 or bike paths; and
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18 WHEREAS, lack of adequate pedestrian and bicycle paths, and
19 decaying pedestrian and bike path infrastructure, can result in
20 accidents and injuries occurring from collisions or falls,
21 particularly among Hawaii's kupuna and keiki; and
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23 WHEREAS, unfortunately, Hawaii has a high number of
24 pedestrian and bicyclist accidents involving injury or death
25 each year with twenty-seven pedestrian fatalities occurring
26 statewide in 2017 and thirteen bicyclist fatalities occurring
27 between 2008 and 2012; and



1 WHEREAS, although the State Department of Transportation
2 and other agencies and organizations have made efforts to
3 promote pedestrian and bike safety, such as the Walk Wise Hawaii
4 Program, additional efforts such as construction of more
5 pedestrian and bike paths, and improvements to existing
6 pedestrian and bike path infrastructure can also increase
7 pedestrian and bike safety; and

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9 WHEREAS, under previous administrations, improving
10 pedestrian and bicycle safety has been a top priority at the
11 United States Department of Transportation and the federal
12 Department was committed to making walking and bicycling safer
13 and more comfortable transportation options for everyone; and

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15 WHEREAS, in 2015, the Federal Highway Administration
16 provided approximately \$800,000,000 in federal funds and grants
17 for pedestrian and bicycle projects across the United States;
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20 WHEREAS, while the Federal Highway Administration has
21 provided millions of dollars each year in funding for various
22 pedestrian and bicycle projects, including funding for
23 constructing new infrastructure and improving existing
24 infrastructure, this funding may not continue; and

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26 WHEREAS, while millions of dollars in federal funding are
27 available for various pedestrian and bicycle projects, including
28 funding for constructing infrastructure and improving existing
29 infrastructure, Hawaii appears to be lagging in receipt of these
30 federal funds and Hawaii should immediately pursue receipt of
31 these federal funds while they remain available; and

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33 WHEREAS, since federal funding for bike and pedestrian
34 infrastructure construction and improvements is available, the
35 State Department of Transportation and the transportation
36 departments of each of the counties of Hawaii should seek
37 greater federal funding for the construction of pedestrian and
38 bike path infrastructure and for improving existing pedestrian
39 and bike path infrastructure throughout the State; now,
40 therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 3 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the State Department of
 4 Transportation and the transportation departments of each of the
 5 counties of Hawaii are urged to immediately seek greater federal
 6 funding for the construction of bike and pedestrian path
 7 infrastructure and for improvements to existing bike and
 8 pedestrian path infrastructure; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Department of
 11 Transportation, in collaboration with the transportation
 12 departments of each of the counties of Hawaii, are requested to
 13 submit a report of actions taken to secure greater federal
 14 funding, and if funding is received, the planned uses of the
 15 federal funds, to the Legislature no later than twenty days
 16 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
 20 Transportation and the directors of the transportation
 21 departments of each of the counties of Hawaii.
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