
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO IMPLEMENT A CAR
FREE DAY IN A DESIGNATED AREA OF URBAN HONOLULU ONCE A
YEAR.

1 WHEREAS, in 2017, greenhouse gas emissions from
2 transportation accounted for about 28.9 percent of total United
3 States greenhouse gas emissions, making transportation the
4 largest contributor of United States greenhouse gas emissions;
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7 WHEREAS, World Car Free Day is observed annually by major
8 cities, including Paris, France; Vancouver, Canada; and
9 Reykjavik, Iceland; and

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11 WHEREAS, the purpose of the event, which closes segments of
12 the cities to vehicular traffic, is to promote clean air,
13 reduced noise, and a slower pace of life; and

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15 WHEREAS, Bogota, Colombia has also observed World Car Free
16 Day annually for almost twenty years and has found the event so
17 successful that Bogota expanded its car free zone to encompass
18 most of the city and residents approved a referendum to
19 celebrate an annual car-free week; and

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21 WHEREAS, World Car Free Day benefits society by providing
22 less traffic congestion, a greener environment, and reduced
23 gasoline demand; and

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25 WHEREAS, World Car Free Day also reduces fuel consumption
26 and emission of air pollution and greenhouse gases that drive
27 global warming and furthers the improvement of mass transit,
28 cycling, and walking; and



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1 WHEREAS, the State has implemented the Hawaii Clean Energy
 2 Initiative with the goal of achieving one hundred percent clean
 3 energy by 2045; and
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5 WHEREAS, implementing a no car day in Hawaii would
 6 encourage people to shift away from the current overdependency
 7 on automobiles; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 10 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 11 2020, the Senate concurring, that the City and County of
 12 Honolulu is requested to implement a car free day in a
 13 designated area of urban Honolulu once a year, to promote
 14 alternative means of transportation, such as walking and
 15 cycling; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairs of the Senate
 19 and House Standing Committees on Transportation and Director of
 20 the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation
 21 Services.
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