
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTIES PREPARE A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
ON PROPOSED APPLICATIONS OF CONGESTION PRICING STRATEGIES.

1 WHEREAS, congestion pricing is the practice of establishing
2 a fee structure for the use of certain roadways and zones during
3 high-use periods for the purpose of moderating traffic flow and
4 increasing vehicle throughput; and
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6 WHEREAS, various jurisdictions throughout the world are
7 using or proposing congestion pricing as a strategy for
8 improving transportation system performance; and
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10 WHEREAS, according to the Federal Highway Administration,
11 congestion pricing offers promising opportunities to cost-
12 effectively reduce traffic congestion, increase the reliability
13 of highway system performance, and improve the quality of life
14 for residents who may experience intolerable traffic congestion;
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17 WHEREAS, while variably priced tolls for certain lanes or
18 roadways are already commonplace nationally and internationally,
19 an increasing number of cities are adopting zone-based charges;
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22 WHEREAS, in London, since instituting a flat daily fee
23 equal to \$15.21 per car for entry into a particular eight square
24 mile area on weekdays, traffic congestion in the city has
25 reduced; journey time reliability and air quality have improved;
26 and a long-term funding source for public transit improvements,
27 including pedestrian and bike infrastructure, has been created;
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30 WHEREAS, in Stockholm, over the past twelve years a similar
31 program which charges a variable fee not to exceed \$4.14 per car
32 for entry into and exit from a thirteen square mile area on



1 weekdays has yielded similar benefits to those realized in
2 London; and

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4 WHEREAS, in New York City, in an effort to reduce the
5 number of vehicles entering Manhattan, officials have begun the
6 process of implementing a congestion pricing strategy to take
7 effect in 2021; and

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9 WHEREAS, implementation of congestion pricing by the
10 counties on county-owned roads could alleviate traffic
11 congestion throughout the State; and

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13 WHEREAS, an initial assessment of the feasibility of
14 implementing congestion pricing in the counties is necessary;
15 now, therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
19 2020, the Senate concurring, that the counties are requested to
20 prepare a report to the Legislature on possible applications of
21 congestion pricing strategies by the counties; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to the extent possible, the
24 counties are requested to include the following information in
25 their report:

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27 (1) Detailed usage information for any roadways or zones
28 for which the counties propose to implement congestion
29 pricing and current or planned transportation
30 alternatives available to access these roadways or
31 zones;

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33 (2) A proposed range of congestion pricing fees or
34 charges;

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36 (3) Projected or target net revenues; and

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38 (4) Potential uses of net revenue; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the counties are requested to
41 also include with the report any proposed legislation necessary



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1 for the successful implementation of congestion pricing in the
2 counties; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the counties are requested to
5 submit a preliminary report of their findings and
6 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
7 Legislature no later than December 1, 2020; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the counties are requested to
10 submit a final report of their findings and recommendations,
11 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
12 than December 1, 2021; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
16 Transportation, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Mayor
17 of the County of Hawaii, Mayor of the County of Maui, and Mayor
18 of the County of Kauai.

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OFFERED BY: *Alan*
By Request

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