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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING EACH COUNTY, PRIOR TO IMPOSING A NEW FARE OR
INCREASING AN EXISTING FARE FOR A MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM, TO
DETERMINE WHETHER THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE SOUGHT FROM THE
PROPOSED OR INCREASED FARE MAY BE OBTAINED THROUGH TRANSIT-
BASED ADVERTISEMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the counties rely on mass transit system revenues
2 to offset the cost to operate and maintain these systems; and
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4 WHEREAS, the counties have attempted to meet these revenue
5 needs by increasing fares; and
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7 WHEREAS, for example, in February 2020, the Honolulu Rate
8 Commission proposed numerous fare increases for TheBus,
9 including a nine percent increase in the price of an adult one-
10 way fare and a twenty-five percent increase in the price of a
11 one-way fare for seniors, Medicare card holders, and individuals
12 with disabilities; and
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14 WHEREAS, fare increases often place a financial burden on
15 riders; and
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17 WHEREAS, accordingly, fare increases should be a county's
18 last resort; now, therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
21 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of
22 Representatives concurring, that each county, prior to
23 establishing a new, or increasing an existing, fare for a mass
24 transit system, is requested to determine whether the additional
25 revenue sought from the proposed fare establishment or increase
26 may be obtained through transit-based advertisements; provided
27 that this request pertains to fare establishments or increases
28 that would take effect after July 1, 2020; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of each county
3 and Chair of each county council.
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