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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ESTABLISH A
ZERO EMISSIONS GROUND TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has among the highest cost of
2 transportation, which greatly increases the overall cost of
3 living for residents; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii has among the worst vehicular fatality
6 rates in the country including the worst senior citizen
7 pedestrian fatality rate; and
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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii also has among the worst traffic congestion
10 in the country; and
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12 WHEREAS, transportation accounts for the majority of
13 Hawaii's greenhouse gas emissions; and
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15 WHEREAS, Hawaii is ideally suited to serve as a unique
16 incubator for innovative new technologies and services that will
17 help countries around the world achieve zero emissions
18 transportation; and
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20 WHEREAS, Hawaii is an island chain with a population
21 density sufficient to support the electrification of ground
22 transportation; and
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24 WHEREAS, Hawaii does not face the same issues of range
25 anxiety found in larger jurisdictions meaning that Hawaii can
26 achieve electric charging saturation much more easily than
27 larger or more sparsely populated jurisdictions; and
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29 WHEREAS, Hawaii has excellent year-round weather, making it
30 possible to significantly reduce the need for fossil fuel
31 transportation by enabling pedestrian, bicycle, and other zero
32 emissions mobility options for large portions of the population



1 as has already been achieved successfully in many other nations;
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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii is on track to achieve one hundred per cent
5 clean electricity which will make it possible to charge a truly
6 clean transportation fleet; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
10 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
11 Transportation is requested to establish a zero emissions ground
12 transportation working group; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
15 to advise and recommend plans regarding zero emissions ground
16 transportation to the Governor and Legislature and develop
17 metrics, benchmarks, plans and recommendations for stakeholders;
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall
21 additionally be requested to establish and articulate clear
22 plans and metrics to address goals in part X of chapter 264,
23 Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is further
26 requested to coordinate with and pursue funding from other
27 groups, agencies, and programs in and outside of the State that
28 are working to achieve zero emissions transportation; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
32 Transportation.
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OFFERED BY: 

