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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A TASK  
FORCE ON GREEN TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE.

1 WHEREAS, taxpayers repeatedly identify transportation  
2 infrastructure as one of the most significant and deserving  
3 recipients of taxpayer monies; and  
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5 WHEREAS, climate change poses a serious threat to the  
6 State's economy, sustainability, and natural resources; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the effects of climate change have made  
9 implementing sustainable design concepts more critical, as each  
10 passing year has seen increased temperatures and other impacts  
11 from climate change; and  
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13 WHEREAS, sustainable design concepts for transportation and  
14 public infrastructure incorporate green vegetation and trees to  
15 decrease urban temperatures, reduce carbon emissions, improve  
16 air quality, and capture water to replenish the water table; and  
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18 WHEREAS, Act 131, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, requires the  
19 Department of Transportation, when planning, designing, and  
20 implementing ground transportation infrastructure, to endeavor  
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23 (1) Reduce carbon emissions and greenhouse gasses to meet  
24 state renewable portfolio standards established in  
25 section 269-92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and zero  
26 emissions clean economy by 2045 pursuant to section  
27 225P-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes;  
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29 (2) Reduce urban temperatures by incorporating tree canopy  
30 and foliage over hardened surfaces; and  
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32 (3) Beautify public infrastructure; and  
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1 WHEREAS, understanding the landscape of international  
2 efforts to green transportation and public-infrastructure can  
3 assist the Department of Transportation and other state agencies  
4 with green infrastructure plans to combat climate change; now,  
5 therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,  
9 that the Director of Transportation is requested to convene a  
10 task force on best practices and successful efforts to green  
11 transportation- and public-infrastructure in jurisdictions  
12 outside of Hawaii; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
15 include:

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17 (1) A member of the Senate, to be appointed by the  
18 President of the Senate, to serve as the co-chair of  
19 the task force;  
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21 (2) A member of the House of Representatives, to be  
22 appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
23 Representatives, to serve as the co-chair of the task  
24 force;  
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26 (3) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's  
27 designee;  
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29 (4) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
30 Resources, or the Chairperson's designee;  
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32 (5) The Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable  
33 Development, or the Director's designee;  
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35 (6) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee; and  
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37 (7) Other relevant stakeholders invited by the co-chairs  
38 of the task force; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
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1 (1) A survey of successful efforts in other jurisdictions  
2 to green transportation- and public-infrastructure;  
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5 (2) An analysis of the procedural steps necessary for the  
6 State and counties to green existing and planned  
7 transportation- and public-infrastructure; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
10 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
11 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
12 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
13 2023; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
16 Transportation is requested to provide statistics and other  
17 information as may be requested by the task force to assist in  
18 the timely completion of the study; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.

