

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2673**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2022

RE: S.B. No. 3274
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 3274 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the Multimodal Transportation Branch of the Department of Transportation to increase funding, pursue grants, and work on projects focusing on safe, low user cost pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Public Health Institute, Ulupono Initiative, Hawaii Bicycling League, Hawaii Transportation Association, Bikeshare Hawaii, and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office.

Your Committee finds that the fastest growing contributor to the increasing cost of living in Hawaii is the rising cost of transportation. Hawaii residents already pay among the highest costs to commute per capita anywhere in the country, and despite rising fossil fuel prices, residents struggle to find cheaper, efficient transit options. Hawaii lacks a safe pedestrian and bicycle commuting infrastructure, meaning that many Hawaii



households are forced to pay for multiple cars. This measure will increase resources available for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing language that would have established the Multimodal Transportation Branch;
- (2) Establishing a requirement that an unspecified percentage of all Department of Transportation expenditures in a fiscal biennium shall be used for safe, protected pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure;
- (3) Establishing two positions dedicated to grant writing to maximize funds gained from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act;
- (4) Inserting a blank appropriation for two full-time equivalent grant writing positions in the Department of Transportation; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3274, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3274, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,

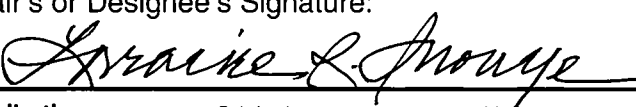


CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3274	Committee Referral: TRS, WAM	Date: 2/15/22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn		✓		
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	3	1	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes