

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3606

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 2022

RE: S.R. No. 159
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.R. No. 159 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE TO ASSIST THE COUNTY OF HAWAII IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Transportation to convene an Intergovernmental Task Force to assist the County of Hawaii in the establishment and certification of a metropolitan planning organization.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the County of Hawai'i Mass Transit Agency.

Your Committee finds that metropolitan planning organizations are agreements between the Governor and local governments that represent at least seventy-five percent of the affected population. The Department of Transportation has the responsibility to support statewide transportation goals with the help of respective counties, but there are only two established metropolitan planning organizations in Hawaii. Therefore, this measure urges the Department of Transportation to convene an



Intergovernmental Task Force to assist the County of Hawaii to establish and certify a metropolitan planning organization.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying findings to better reflect the process for establishment of a metropolitan planning organization;
- (2) Clarifying that the Department of Transportation is urged to convene an Intergovernmental Task Force to recommend policy and provide guidance to assist the County of Hawaii in establishing and forming a metropolitan planning organization or a regional transportation planning organization if the County of Hawaii does not meet the population threshold, according to the 2020 census, for a metropolitan planning organization;
- (3) Including the Directors of the Mass Transit Agency and Planning and Public Works of the County of Hawaii as recipients of this measure; and
- (4) Amending its title accordingly.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 159, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 159, S.D. 1.

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.:* SR 159	Committee Referral: TRS	Date: 3/22/22		
<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)	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)				X
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	3			2
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