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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE ON MOBILITY MANAGEMENT, ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ACT 214, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2013.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013 (Act 214),
- 2 established a task force on mobility management within the
- 3 department of health. The task force was required to make
- 4 recommendations on establishing a transportation framework to
- assist elders and individuals with disabilities with 5
- 6 transportation needs in each county, including recommendations
- 7 relating to the state budget and program development.
- 8 In enacting Act 214, the legislature found that Hawaii's
- 9 residents, including elders and individuals with disabilities,
- 10 should be able to live at home with the supports they need so
- 11 that they can participate in communities that value their
- 12 contributions. The legislature also found that statewide,
- 13 especially in rural communities, many residents are without
- 14 family members nearby to provide transportation and are too
- 15 frail or disabled to access public transit. Transportation
- 16 services are often fragmented, underutilized, or difficult to



- 1 navigate, and can be costly because of inconsistent,
- 2 duplicative, and often restrictive federal and state program
- 3 rules and regulations. Due to these circumstances, there is a
- 4 need for a policy on mobility management, a concept in which a
- 5 single entity in a geographical area is charged with knowing and
- 6 deploying the entire array of transportation resources
- 7 available. This system would focus on the individual and
- 8 identify the best.
- 9 Act 214 required the department of health, through the
- 10 executive office on aging, to submit an interim report of the
- 11 task force's findings and recommendations, including any
- 12 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty
- 13 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2014, and
- 14 a final report of the task force's findings and recommendations,
- 15 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later
- 16 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
- 17 of 2015.
- 18 The legislature finds that in the task force's final
- 19 report, submitted to the legislature on January 30, 2015,
- 20 addressed the development and establishment of a mobility
- 21 management program and mobility center in a geographical area;

- 1 cost and qualifications of transportation/mobility coordinators,
- 2 and logistics of developing a mobility center/program; and
- 3 development of a mobility management master plan for each
- 4 county, and recommended that the State continue to support the
- 5 counties' efforts in developing their respective mobility
- 6 management program with the following suggested actions:
- 7 (1) Fund local mobility projects identified by the county 8 as priority strategies;
- 9 (2) Provide state leadership and coordination for the four10 counties to leverage federal funding;
- 11 (3) Establish a statewide purchasing cooperative among the
 12 counties and human service providers to procure new
 13 vehicles, technologies, and equipment; and
- 14 (4) Support a permanent funding source in any future state
 15 or local tax initiative for human service
 16 transportation.
- The legislature further finds that there is still a strong need for mobility management in the State and it is critical that these recommendations are implemented.
- 20 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to make an 21 appropriation to the department of health to implement the

- 1 recommendations of the task force on mobility management,
- 2 established pursuant to Act 214.
- 3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
- 5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
- 6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
- 7 year 2024-2025 for the implementation of the recommendations
- 8 made by the task force on mobility management, established
- 9 pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, including
- 10 funding of the following positions:
- 11 (1) One mobility manager in each of the counties of
- 12 Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui;
- 13 (2) One statewide outreach position; and
- 14 (3) One statewide coordinator.
- 15 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 16 of health for the purposes of this Act.
- 17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY PRIMITES JASSEY

Report Title:

Health; Mobility Management Task Force; Appropriation

Description:

Makes an appropriation to the Department of Health to implement the recommendations of the statewide Mobility Management Task Force, established pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013.

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