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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that decreasing
2 transportation related emissions is essential to achieving
3 Hawai'i's state greenhouse gas reduction goals. The state
4 climate commission found that vehicle miles traveled is an
5 important measurement to track the State's efforts on greenhouse
6 gas reduction. The legislature further finds that current
7 strategies to mitigate vehicle miles traveled in the State are
8 ineffective, since vehicle miles traveled have increased almost
9 forty per cent over the last twenty-five years and are projected
10 to continue to increase without intervention.

11 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
12 Hawai'i climate change mitigation and adaptation commission to
13 develop vehicle miles traveled reduction strategies.

14 SECTION 2. (a) The Hawai'i climate change mitigation and
15 adaptation commission shall develop strategies for the reduction
16 of vehicle miles traveled and shall:



1 (1) Recommend a statewide vehicle miles traveled reduction
2 target;

3 (2) Recommend benchmarks to report on, and evaluate
4 progress towards, the vehicle miles traveled reduction
5 goal; and

6 (3) Identify state and county agencies to collaborate and
7 coordinate on the implementation of vehicle miles
8 traveled reduction policies, strategies, and programs.

9 (b) The commission shall submit a report of its findings
10 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
11 legislature no later than forty days prior to the convening of
12 the regular session of 2025.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

14 INTRODUCED BY: *Kal Rhoad*

S.B. NO. 3273

Report Title:

Climate Change; Vehicle Miles Traveled; Report; Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission

Description:

Requires the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to develop strategies for vehicle miles traveled reduction in the State. Requires a report to the Legislature.

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