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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO SUPPORT THE COMPLETE  
TRANSFER OF ITS REGULATORY AUTHORITY OVER MOTOR CARRIERS  
AND OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING WATER  
CARRIERS, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

1           WHEREAS, the regulation and enforcement of motor carriers  
2 operating on public highways is essential to ensuring public  
3 safety, fair industry practices, and compliance with state laws;  
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6           WHEREAS, under Hawaii's Motor Carrier Law, the Public  
7 Utilities Commission regulates motor carriers transporting  
8 passengers and property for compensation or hire; and

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10           WHEREAS, at the end of fiscal year 2023, the Public  
11 Utilities Commission regulated approximately 1,741 motor carrier  
12 entities across the State, which entails oversight of tariff  
13 structures, annual financial reporting, and compliance with  
14 administrative requirements; and

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16           WHEREAS, the enforcement of the Motor Carrier Law is a  
17 resource-intensive responsibility, and the Department of  
18 Transportation has a larger number of enforcement officers with  
19 a greater statewide presence, enabling more consistent and  
20 effective enforcement of motor carrier regulations; and

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22           WHEREAS, Act 117, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024, transferred  
23 the enforcement of the Motor Carrier Law from the Public  
24 Utilities Commission to the Department of Transportation,  
25 leaving the regulatory authority with the Public Utilities  
26 Commission; and

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28           WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has experience in  
29 managing and enforcing transportation regulations across various



1 sectors, allowing for a more streamlined, efficient, and  
2 comprehensive approach to motor carrier oversight, particularly  
3 in ensuring road safety and fair industry practices; and  
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5 WHEREAS, while the transfer of full regulatory authority  
6 over motor carriers to the Department of Transportation would  
7 require legislative action, the Public Utilities Commission's  
8 support for such a transition would help facilitate a smooth and  
9 effective regulatory shift in the best interest of the industry  
10 and the public; now, therefore,  
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
13 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
14 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Public Utilities  
15 Commission is urged to support the complete transfer of its  
16 regulatory authority over motor carriers and other means of  
17 transportation, including water carriers, to the Department of  
18 Transportation, subject to legislative action, to ensure more  
19 effective and comprehensive oversight of the industry; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
23 Transportation, Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and  
24 Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission.

