SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OAHU METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO
CONTINUE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT
FOCUS ON EDUCATING KEY DECISION MAKERS RESPONSIBLE FOR
TRANSPORTATION POLICY, PLANNING, FUNDING, AND
IMPLEMENTATION.

1   WHEREAS, Hawaii has one of the highest costs of
2 transportation per capita in the country and among the highest
3 rates of transportation-related fatalities and injuries; and
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5   WHEREAS, different jurisdictions have tried to utilize a
6 number of different methods to achieve their transportation
7 safety goals and reduce the cost of multimodal and public
8 transit for local families; and
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10   WHEREAS, a number of other jurisdictions that struggled to
11 overcome similar transportation-related challenges as Hawaii
12 have managed to successfully reduce their cost of transportation
13 for residents over time, with some also having reduced
14 fatalities nearly to zero; and
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16   WHEREAS, Hawaii can learn from the proven lessons in other
17 jurisdictions and apply these strategies and best practices to
18 reduce its cost of transportation for local residents and
19 improve safety on roads and highways; and
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21   WHEREAS, some of the transportation-related challenges
22 Hawaii faces include a system of governance that involves
23 multiple agencies and levels of government that split the
24 decision-making process amongst a host of different officials;
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27   WHEREAS, joint policy and implementation strategy workshops
28 that engage multiple agencies and levels of government in
29 conversations with those who have successfully achieved progress
30 can help accelerate progress and success across silos; and
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1   WHEREAS, the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization has
2   been operating a successful transportation project management
3   training program to help state and county decision makers and
4   employees working on transportation issues to meet with and
5   learn from their peers in other jurisdictions since 2023; and
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7   WHEREAS, successful transportation training programs
8   typically involve peer exchanges and mobile workshops where
9   participants meet and learn from their counterparts in other
10   model jurisdictions that have employed best practices, gain
11   firsthand experience as both designers and users of innovative
12   transportation infrastructure, and understand the unexpected and
13   unplanned for pros and cons of implemented solutions; and
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15   WHEREAS, state and county decision makers, including
16   employees, department heads, and elected and appointed officials
17   responsible for funding and implementing transit policy and
18   projects, would benefit from training programs involving
19   discussions with their peers in those jurisdictions that have
20   successfully improved transportation safety and cost; now,
21   therefore,
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23   BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
24   Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
25   that the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization is requested to
26   continue transportation management training programs that focus
27   on educating key decision makers responsible for transportation
28   policy, planning, funding, and implementation; and
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30   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the transportation management
31   training programs be designed to help decision makers achieve
32   state and county transportation goals including improving
33   transportation safety and providing a multimodal transportation
34   system that can expand opportunities for residents to lower
35   their transportation costs; and
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37   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the transportation management
38   training programs also provide for peer-to-peer learning and
39   collaboration with other jurisdictions that demonstrate
40   implementation of innovative best practices and have achieved
41   successful outcomes; and
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1   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of
3 Transportation, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Mayor
4 of the County of Maui, Mayor of the County of Kauai, Mayor of
5 the County of Hawaii, Director of the Department of
6 Transportation Services, Director of the Maui County Department
7 of Transportation, and Executive Director of the Oahu
8 Metropolitan Planning Organization.