

ACT 202

S.B. NO. 968

A Bill for an Act Relating to Transportation.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the single fastest growing contributor to an increasing cost of living in Hawaii is the rising cost of transportation. Due to increasingly expensive fossil fuels and a lack of cheaper transit options, Hawaii residents already pay among the highest costs to commute in the country. In January 2022, the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that auto-related costs were an astonishing twenty-three per cent higher in December 2021 than a year earlier, accelerating a trend of increasing transit costs contributing to Hawaii's rising cost of living.

The legislature further finds that numerous public employees commute to work by car and must pay for parking at their workplaces. However, public employees wishing to split the cost of sharing a single stall while carpooling in different cars on different days are currently prohibited by the department of accounting and general services from doing so.

The purpose of this Act is to help reduce the cost of living and cost of transportation for public employees by:

- (1) Enabling parking stall sharing between employees; and
- (2) Providing secure bicycle storage lockers at public facilities.

SECTION 2. Chapter 27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding one new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§27- Public employee parking facilities. (a) The department of accounting and general services, in collaboration with the department of transportation, shall develop, implement, administer, and manage a program to allow two or more public employees of the State to share the cost of a parking stall and allow multiple cars to use that stall as appropriate; provided that the total cost for sharing a parking stall between two or more employees shall not exceed the cost of any one stall for any one employee.

(b) The department of accounting and general services, in collaboration with the department of transportation, shall develop, implement, administer, and manage a pilot project to provide a reasonable number of secure, enclosed bicycle storage lockers at two facilities where vehicle parking is made available to public employees of the State by the department of accounting and general services; provided that the employee cost of secure storage of a bicycle in an enclosed locker shall not exceed twenty per cent of the cost of a vehicle parking stall.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved July 3, 2023.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.