



RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO ALLOW ANY MOTOR VEHICLE TO USE THE H-1 ZIPPER LANE WHEN TRAFFIC IS BACKED UP.

WHEREAS, increased time spent in traffic decreases work efficiency, time spent with family or at work, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, high occupancy vehicle lanes are tools intended to alleviate state highway system traffic congestion, encourage carpooling, and improve air quality; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 291C-221, Hawaii Revised Statutes, defines a high occupancy vehicle lane as a designated lane of a laned roadway where the use of the designated lane is restricted to school buses, vehicles carrying at least the minimum number of persons designated by the State Director of Transportation on official signs and other official traffic-control devices, and to other vehicles as provided by rules or by county ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Section 19-108-2 defines a zipper lane as a barrier-separated high occupancy vehicle lane; and

WHEREAS, HAR Section 19-108-4 provides for the designation of high occupancy vehicle lanes by the Director of Transportation when signed and marked by official traffic control devices; and

WHEREAS, eastbound Interstate Route H-1, Manager's Drive to Keehi Interchange, has been designated a high occupancy vehicle lane; and

WHEREAS, morning peak period Primary Urban Center-bound traffic on the Interstate Route H-1 is occasionally backed up to Kualakai Parkway, while the zipper lane seems underutilized; and

WHEREAS, at such times, it would seem that allowing motor vehicles from the mixed flow lanes to use the zipper lane would help to alleviate traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, HRS Section 291C-222 authorizes the Director of Transportation to adopt rules allowing any motor vehicle to use any high occupancy vehicle lane, regardless of the number of occupants, when the use is determined to enhance public safety and improve traffic conditions; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the State Director of Transportation is urged to adopt rules to allow any motor vehicle regardless of the number of persons carried to use the eastbound Interstate Route H-1 zipper lane when traffic is backed up to Kualakai Parkway; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the State Director of Transportation, the Governor, the City Director of Transportation Services, the Chief of Police, the Mayor, and Managing Director.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers