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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO COLLABORATE TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, ADMINISTER, AND MANAGE VARIOUS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC FACILITIES THAT INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO CONSTRUCTION OR CONVERSION OF PARKING STALLS TO ACCOMMODATE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING, SECURE BICYCLE STORAGE LOCKERS, AND PARKING STALL SHARING BETWEEN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

1 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State to reduce  
2 the cost of living and cost of transportation for public  
3 employees and residents of public housing; and  
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii has the highest cost of living in the  
6 United States; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the single fastest growing contributor to an  
9 increasing cost of living in the State is now the rising cost of  
10 transportation; and  
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12 WHEREAS, Hawaii residents already pay among the highest  
13 cost to commute in the country due to increasingly expensive  
14 fossil fuels and lack of cheaper transit options; and  
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16 WHEREAS, ensuring future access to electric vehicle  
17 charging stations and secure bicycle storage in public  
18 facilities will reduce the cost of transportation for public  
19 employees and residents of public housing; and  
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21 WHEREAS, many people are opting to drive electric vehicles,  
22 which are significantly cheaper to operate and maintain than gas  
23 vehicles, and many major manufacturers have already committed to  
24 cease the production and sale of gas-powered vehicles by 2030  
25 and 2035, respectively; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the infrastructure for charging those vehicles in  
28 public facilities does not exist despite the demand, which will  
29 continue to increase significantly; and  
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1 WHEREAS, due to lack of secure storage options, bicycle  
2 theft at public facilities is a pervasive problem even when they  
3 are locked in racks; and

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5 WHEREAS, this limits the ability of public employees to  
6 save, on average, nearly \$13,000 each year by commuting to work  
7 by bicycle rather than by car; and

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9 WHEREAS, in order to save money, public employees who  
10 commute by car and pay for parking at their workplace are  
11 inclined to split the cost of sharing a single stall with  
12 colleagues while carpooling in different cars on different days;  
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15 WHEREAS, the Department of Accounting and General Services  
16 currently prohibits public employees from sharing parking stalls  
17 at their workplace; and

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19 WHEREAS, the collaboration of the Department of  
20 Transportation and the Department of Accounting and General  
21 Services is required to resolve these issues, which will reduce  
22 the cost of transportation for those who work or live in public  
23 facilities; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,  
27 that the Department of Transportation and Department of  
28 Accounting and General Services are urged to collaborate to  
29 develop, implement, administer, and manage various  
30 transportation system programs at public facilities that include  
31 but are not limited to construction or conversion of parking  
32 stalls to accommodate electric vehicle charging, secure bicycle  
33 storage lockers, and parking stall sharing between public  
34 employees; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
37 Resolution be transmitted to Director of Transportation and the  
38 Comptroller.

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41 OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

