

JAN 18 2008

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that over one hundred
2 forty thousand potholes were filled in roads throughout the
3 State since the beginning of 2005. On average, there are forty-
4 three potholes per mile per year on the roads of Honolulu. This
5 number is drastically higher than that of other major
6 metropolitan areas, including New York City and San Diego, where
7 the average number of potholes per mile per year equals nine and
8 four, respectively.

9 The legislature further finds that efforts must be made to
10 not only refill existing potholes, but establish a plan for the
11 long-term repair and maintenance of roads and bridges within the
12 State. Proper research and planning will help to ensure that
13 funds are being appropriately managed and improvements to
14 Hawaii's roads and bridges are enduring.

15 The purpose of this Act is to establish a task force on
16 road repair and maintenance to study current conditions and



1 methodologies for improving Hawaii's roads and bridges and to
2 appropriate funds therefor.

3 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department
4 of transportation the task force on road repair and maintenance
5 to study long-term road repair and maintenance solutions and
6 other related matters.

7 (b) The task force on road repair and maintenance shall
8 consist of at least members to be appointed by the
9 director of transportation. The task force on road repair and
10 maintenance shall select a chairperson from among its members.
11 The number of members necessary to constitute a quorum to do
12 business shall consist of a majority of all members of the task
13 force on road repair and maintenance. When a quorum is in
14 attendance, the concurrence of a majority of the members in
15 attendance shall make any action of the task force on road
16 repair and maintenance valid. The members of the task force
17 shall not be subject to section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

18 (c) The director of transportation shall act as
19 chairperson of the task force. All members shall have the right
20 to vote. Members shall serve without compensation.

21 (d) The task force on road repair and maintenance shall
22 conduct a study on the following:



1 (1) The condition of existing roads and bridges within the
2 State;

3 (2) The completed and planned investments in roads and
4 bridges throughout the State;

5 (3) Methodologies for road and bridge repair and
6 maintenance utilized both nationally and globally to
7 ensure long-term resolution versus quick fixes; and

8 (4) Economic and non-economic costs and benefits
9 associated with various methodologies for repair and
10 maintenance of roads and bridges in the State.

11 (e) The department of transportation shall provide
12 necessary support services to facilitate the work of the task
13 force on road repair and maintenance.

14 (f) The task force on road repair and maintenance shall
15 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the
16 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
17 the regular session of 2009. The report shall include proposed
18 legislation to implement the task force's recommendations.

19 (g) The task force shall be dissolved upon adjournment
20 sine die of the regular session of 2009.

21 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the
2 task force on road repair and maintenance.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 transportation for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Establishes a task force to study long-term road repair and maintenance solutions. Appropriates funds for the task force.

