
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ZIPPER LANE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The State of Hawaii's highways are necessary to
2 accommodate the transportation needs of the people of the State.
3 Increased time spent on the road in travel decreases work
4 efficiency, time spent with family or at work, and quality of
5 life. As the population grows, especially on the west side of
6 Oahu, the need for travel lanes will increase.

7 High occupancy vehicle lanes, such as zipper lanes, provide
8 an incentive to carpool, effectively reducing the number of cars
9 on the road. However, the zipper lane could be more effective
10 if it extended westward from Waipahu toward Kapolei, west of the
11 Kunia on-ramp.

12 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
13 transportation to conduct a study on the feasibility of
14 extending the zipper lane westward from Waipahu toward Kapolei,
15 west of the Kunia on-ramp.

16 SECTION 2. (a) The department of transportation shall
17 conduct a study on the feasibility of extending the zipper lane
18 westward from Waipahu toward Kapolei, west of the Kunia on-ramp



1 on the island of Oahu. The feasibility study shall include but
2 not be limited to the following:

- 3 (1) A review of existing traffic conditions and how
4 traffic conditions can be improved by extending the
5 zipper lane westward;
- 6 (2) The number and locations of additional entrances to
7 the zipper lane;
- 8 (3) A cost-benefit analysis of extending the zipper lane
9 westward;
- 10 (4) An identification and evaluation of desired, intended,
11 and unintended effects of extending the zipper lane
12 westward;
- 13 (5) A timetable for the construction of this extension;
14 and
- 15 (6) Any other issues deemed necessary or relevant by the
16 director of transportation.

17 (b) The department of transportation shall submit a
18 written report of findings and recommendations, including any
19 necessary proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than
20 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
21 2014.



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the state highway
2 fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be
3 necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for a study on the
4 feasibility of extending the zipper lane westward from Waipahu
5 toward Kapolei, west of the Kunia on-ramp.

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

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.



Report Title:

Transportation; Zipper Lane Extension; Feasibility Study;
Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study on the extension of the zipper lane westward from Waipahu toward Kapolei, west of the Kunia on-ramp. Requires the Department of Transportation to submit a report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014. Appropriates funds for the study. (SD1)

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