what does Bill 2 mean for O'ahu?

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what just happened?



The City and County of Honolulu recently passed a series of climate change bills as part of the C&C's Resilience Plan, making monumental progress towards a Climate Ready Hawai'i.

Bill 2 (now Ordinance 20-41):

A part of Bill 2 eliminates minimum parking requirements for future developments in the city.

Bill 58: Streamlines the permitting process for solar panel installations in residential sectors

Bill 65: Strengthens the work and responsibilities of the Resilience Office



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Bill 2 and the Affordable Housing Crisis





PARKING IS EXPENSIVE TO BUILD

Creating "free" parking space in a typical Honolulu parking garage can cost up to \$50,000 to build, driving up housing costs for everyone, regardless if you have a car or not.



PARKING POLICIES ARE OUTDATED

Prior to Bill 2, parking policies have not been updated for the past three decades, and do not take into account the 43% of O'ahu's households that do not own a car- making many pay for parking they do not want or need.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS

Parking requirements can easily account for up to 1/3 of a person's rent, an extra \$800/month in mortgage costs, or 20% of a condo purchase price. Removing parking requirements helps to equitably distribute costs among those who actually need parking.



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Bill 2 moves towards a Climate Ready HI



Bill 2 was made possible because of a multi-partner effort to push forth legislation committed to create more climate-friendly mobility options for people.

SUPPORT FROM THE COMMISSION

One of many supporters of Bill 2, our State Climate
Commission released a statement in 2018 that encouraged
the modernization of parking policies in hopes to reduce
overall carbon emissions in the state.

MULTI-MODAL COMMUNITY HUBS

Bill 2 provides greater opportunity to support multi-modal communities - places of activity that brings options and amenities to all people - not just those who own cars. The Commission has received funding to collaborate with various agencies and organizations to work on these initiatives.



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Removing minimum parking requirements is a proven climate solution:

Right-sizing efficient parking spaces lead to ...





... prioritization of more sustainable transportation options ...







... and an overall decrease in Hawaii's carbon emissions.





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how can I learn more?



Read more about Bill 2 and related resources:

Mayor Caldwell signs key climate bills and releases 2020 City Sustainability Report. 2020.

Department of Customer Services, City and County of Honolulu. [bit.ly/honlulucityreport]

Report reveals the hidden costs of parking in Hawaii. 2020. *Ulupono Intiative*. [bit.ly/parkingcostshi]

Honolulu's new climate laws will save energy and money. 2020. NRDC. [bit.ly/climatelaws]

Can fixing parking rules make Honolulu more affordable? 2020. Civil Beat Honolulu. [bit.ly/parkingaffordable]

State Climate Commission encourages urgent actions to combat emissions. 2018. DLNR News Release. [bit.ly/combatemissions]

A cool solution to a hot topic: Community hubs can address climate change, mobility, and resilience in Hawaii. CSS Hawaii Energy Policy Forum. [bit.ly/communityhubshawaii]

