
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO INCLUDE IN ITS
TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR A LIGHT-RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM AN
ADDITIONAL SPUR LINE TO MILILANI.

1 WHEREAS, in the last 2000 census, the population of
2 Mililani was estimated at 28,000 making it one of the largest
3 and most densely populated cities on Oahu; and
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5 WHEREAS, with over 600,000 registered vehicles on Oahu the
6 highways are already at or over full capacity; and
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8 WHEREAS, a study shows that by 2030, people on almost half
9 of Oahu will face the prospect of spending 80 minutes or more
10 commuting during the morning rush hour if nothing is done about
11 the current traffic situation; and
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13 WHEREAS, new construction in Mililani and Ewa is expected
14 to add 150,000 to 200,000 cars to the highway system, daily that
15 will contribute to an estimated 53 percent increase in time
16 spent by commuters in traffic over the next two decades; and
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18 WHEREAS, at the present rate of growth and development, the
19 transportation needs of Mililani commuters will soon exceed the
20 capabilities of the existing highway system; and
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22 WHEREAS, city and transportation officials, in conjunction
23 with state and federal lawmakers, are working on a
24 transportation plan to include light-rail transit; and
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26 WHEREAS, the current proposal calls for a 22-mile elevated
27 light-rail system extending from the Kapolei to Iwilei area; and
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29 WHEREAS, based on the needs of Mililani's insufficient
30 infrastructure and rapid growth rate, an additional spur line to
31 Mililani would benefit its residents and reduce highway traffic
32 flow; and



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WHEREAS, in 2005, the House of Representatives supported new transportation concepts by passing H.B. No. 1309 enacted as Act 247, which authorizes the counties to levy a surcharge on state tax by ordinance to fund new public transportation plans; and

WHEREAS, the additional expenses for the spur line to Mililani could be supported and covered utilizing Act 247; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the Senate concurring, the City and County of Honolulu is requested to include in its transportation plan for a light-rail transit system an additional spur line to Mililani; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Director of Transportation, and Director of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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