
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
TO STUDY POTENTIAL USE OF WATERWAYS AND LANDS WITHIN PEARL
HARBOR UNDER FEDERAL JURISDICTION FOR PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION.

1 WHEREAS, the use of waterways and lands within Pearl Harbor
2 to accommodate public transportation requires a finding by the
3 United States Congress that any such use would involve
4 nationally significant resources within the harbor that are
5 currently used to sustain military operations; and
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7 WHEREAS, because geographical features, including an ocean
8 and mountain range, prohibit the expansion of existing roadways
9 or development of new ones needed to accommodate motor vehicle
10 traffic on the island of Oahu, the use of waterways and lands
11 under the jurisdiction of the United States government,
12 including those found in, on, over, and under Pearl Harbor, to
13 accommodate public transportation would be of "National
14 Significance" and thereby constitute grounds for evaluation by
15 the United States Armed Forces; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Legislature, by Act 178, Session Laws of
18 Hawaii 2005, appropriated \$200,000 to study the feasibility of
19 utilizing the Pearl Harbor corridor to accommodate a tunnel to
20 address the transportation crisis on the island of Oahu; and
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22 WHEREAS, to accomplish the intent of the study funded by
23 Act 178, the constraints imposed upon any branch of the United
24 States Armed Forces or Department of Homeland Security
25 operations that would restrict the construction of an underpass,
26 tunnel, road, or bridge, or combination of underpasses, tunnels,
27 roads, or bridges must be identified; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
31 of 2006, that the President of the United States and the
32 Congress of the United States are requested to explore the use
33 of or passage over, under, or through Pearl Harbor to



1 accommodate public transportation in a way that would allay
2 military concerns; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such consideration is requested
5 to include a determination that such use rises to the level of
6 bearing "National Significance"; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United
9 States and the Congress of the United States are hereby urged to
10 exhaust all means available to fund and facilitate an Act of
11 Congress or Executive Order that initiates findings on the
12 potential of waterways and lands within Pearl Harbor under the
13 jurisdiction of the United States government to serve as a means
14 to accommodate public transportation; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
18 the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security,
19 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
20 United States House of Representatives, each member of Hawaii's
21 Congressional Delegation, and the Secretary of Transportation.

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