
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES IN FACILITATING THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A VEHICULAR ESCAPE ROUTE AT PUAKO ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the community of Puako on the island of Hawaii is
2 located in a tsunami inundation zone and a high risk fire area;
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5 WHEREAS, in the event of an emergency, there is currently
6 no escape route available for residents to evacuate by car to
7 the southern end of Puako beach drive; and
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9 WHEREAS, the distance from the southern end of Puako beach
10 drive to the nearest escape route through Holoholokai beach road
11 is a short distance and the most feasible option for an escape
12 route; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Puako Community Association has obtained
15 approval from the Mauna Lani Resort to connect the southern end
16 of Puako beach road to existing Mauna Lani Resort roads that can
17 be used as an evacuation route in the event of an emergency; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Puako Community Association is prepared to
20 assume the costs of a road building project that will yield a
21 vehicular escape route for use by the residents of Puako; and
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23 WHEREAS, the proposed route at Paniau, located at the end
24 of Puako beach drive, crosses state land controlled by the
25 Department of Land and Natural Resources; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2006, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources and
30 the Department of Accounting and General Services are requested
31 to assist the Puako Community Association with the planning,
32 design, and construction of a vehicular escape route at Puako on
33 the island of Hawaii and to facilitate and expedite the approval



1 process needed to establish this emergency escape route for the
2 residents of Puako; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
5 Natural Resources and the Department of Accounting and General
6 Services are requested to submit a report of the status of the
7 escape route planning and implementation to the Legislature not
8 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
9 Session of 2007; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson of
13 the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Comptroller, and
14 the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Puako Community
15 Association.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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