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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO IMPROVE THE
SYNCHRONIZATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON ALA MOANA BOULEVARD
BETWEEN PUNCHBOWL STREET AND KALAKAUA AVENUE, AND TO ASSUME
JURISDICTION OF THAT SAME PORTION OF ROAD IN THE INTEREST
OF PROMOTING SAFE TRAFFIC FLOW.

1 WHEREAS, the stretch of Ala Moana Boulevard between
2 Punchbowl Street and Kalakaua Avenue is under the jurisdiction
3 of the Department of Transportation; and
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5 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu is responsible for
6 synchronizing traffic signals on Ala Moana Boulevard at the
7 corner of Punchbowl Street up to Kalakaua Avenue; and
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9 WHEREAS, there have been reports of a serious traffic back-
10 up of vehicles at the corner of Punchbowl Avenue and Ala Moana
11 Boulevard when making a left turn from Punchbowl into Ala Moana
12 due to a short green signal, resulting in very few vehicles
13 making the left turn at the same sequence; and
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15 WHEREAS, the back-up is also due to several intersecting
16 side streets with Ala Moana that all have traffic signals and
17 left turn signals for vehicles to turn left from Ala Moana into
18 the side streets when heading in the Diamond Head direction; and
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20 WHEREAS, the intersecting streets include Channel Street,
21 South Street, Keawe Street, Coral Street, Lana Lane, Cooke
22 street, Ohe Lane, and Koula Street; and
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24 WHEREAS, the traffic congestion presents a threat of
25 pedestrian accidents on crosswalks at the intersections of these
26 streets with Ala Moana; and
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28 WHEREAS, if one or more of the lights at the intersections
29 of these streets with Ala Moana would be eliminated, or the left
30 turn signal eliminated, and the lights otherwise better
31 synchronized, traffic flow would be much improved; and



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2 WHEREAS, Ala Moana Boulevard has been under the
3 jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation from the days
4 when Honolulu was separated by distinct communities that had
5 discrete boundaries, which no longer exist in modern times; now,
6 therefore,

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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
10 House of Representatives concurring, that the City and County of
11 Honolulu is urged to improve the synchronization of traffic
12 signals on Ala Moana Boulevard between Punchbowl Street and
13 Kalakaua Avenue, and to assume operational jurisdiction of that
14 same portion of road in the interest of promoting safe traffic
15 flow; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City
19 and County of Honolulu, Director of the Department of
20 Transportation Services, Director of Transportation, and the
21 Governor.

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