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S.R. NO. 4

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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT A  
LUNALILO STREET FLY-OVER RAMP.

1           WHEREAS, there is significant traffic congestion on the H-1  
2 Freeway caused by the weaving of vehicles at the Lunalilo Street  
3 on-ramp and the Vineyard Boulevard off-ramp; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the high volumes of traffic and close proximity of  
6 the ramps causes poor weaving conditions to occur; and  
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8           WHEREAS, a study conducted by the State shows that the  
9 braiding of the Vineyard Boulevard off-ramp and the Lunalilo on-  
10 ramp with a fly-over will eliminate this weaving condition by  
11 separating traffic entering at Lunalilo Street from traffic  
12 exiting at Vineyard Boulevard; and  
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14           WHEREAS, braiding of the two ramps allows diverging traffic  
15 to exit to Vineyard Boulevard about 360 meters before traffic  
16 enters from Lunalilo Street, eliminating weaving between the  
17 ramps, which adversely affects traffic conditions; and  
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19           WHEREAS, as a result of the adverse traffic conditions  
20 caused by the poor ramp design of the current structure,  
21 community members, public officials, and other activists are in  
22 support of the proposition to separate these ramps with a fly-  
23 over concept; now, therefore,  
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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,  
27 that the Department of Transportation is urged to plan, design,  
28 acquire rights-of-way, and construct an elevated concrete  
29 structure, or fly-over, starting just past the Punahou Street  
30 on-ramp/Lunalilo Street off-ramp on westbound H-1 Freeway, to  
31 serve traffic wishing to exit the freeway to reach the Vineyard  
32 Boulevard off-ramp, continuing along the freeway and rising  
33 above and over the existing Lunalilo Street on-ramp, and then  
34 descending to end near the Ward Avenue overpass; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this project be completed such  
2 that the weave or merging between the traffic entering the H-1  
3 Freeway from the existing Lunalilo Street on-ramp and the  
4 traffic exiting the H-1 Freeway to the Vineyard Boulevard off-  
5 ramp is eliminated; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
8 Transportation seek out appropriate funding measures and use of  
9 federal funds such that the project is completed in a fiscally  
10 prudent manner; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this project begin with the  
13 planning phase as soon as practicable; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and  
17 the Executive Director of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning  
18 Organization.

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