
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY
TO DETERMINE THE COST FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A FIXED-
RAIL SYSTEM OF TRANSPORTATION CONNECTING THE KAHULUI-
WAILUKU AREA, KIHEI, AND LAHAINA ON THE ISLAND OF MAUI.

1 WHEREAS, the de facto population of the county of Maui
2 increased thirty-five per cent from 134,569 in 1990 to 181,534
3 in 2005; and
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5 WHEREAS, the populations living in Kahului, Kihei, and
6 Lahaina are the three highest in Maui county with the exception
7 of Wailuku; and
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9 WHEREAS, for transportation purposes, Wailuku, which ranks
10 third in population behind Kahului and Kihei, can be considered
11 as a twin of Kahului -- the two contiguous towns almost as one;
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14 WHEREAS, these towns are also among the favorite
15 destinations of visitors to Maui and the roads connecting them
16 are heavily traveled; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
20 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
21 Transportation is requested to conduct a study to determine the
22 cost feasibility of constructing a fixed-rail system of
23 transportation connecting the Kahului-Wailuku area, Kihei, and
24 Lahaina on the island of Maui; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
27 Transportation is also requested to identify and select various
28 systems involving fixed rail as a means of transport for
29 examination; and
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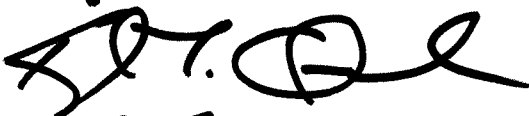





1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
2 Transportation is further requested to consider and examine all
3 relevant potential issues such as land use, leasing or purchase
4 of land, the exercise of eminent domain, environmental effects,
5 disruption to existing traffic flow, as well as actual planning,
6 engineering, and construction costs of the system with minimum
7 and maximum number of stations on the line and their location,
8 including the adequate supply of labor to carry out such a
9 project; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
12 Transportation is requested to submit an interim report and a
13 final report to the Governor and the Legislature no later than
14 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Sessions of
15 2008 and 2009, respectively. The Department is requested to
16 include in the reports final cost estimates and a detailed
17 discussion of potential impediments to the construction of a
18 fixed rail system on Maui and recommendations to overcome these
19 impediments; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
23 Transportation and the Mayor and the Chairperson of the Council
24 of the County of Maui.
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OFFERED BY: 





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