
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A JOINT HEARING WITH
THE PARTICIPATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING OF THE CITY AND
COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CONSIDER THE LIKELY IMPACTS ON
TRAFFIC BY THE PROPOSED TURTLE BAY RESORT EXPANSION AND
MITIGATIVE MEASURES THAT MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE EXPANSION.

1 WHEREAS, the state Department of Transportation's mission
2 is to provide a safe, efficient, accessible, and inter-modal
3 transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and
4 goods and enhances and preserves economic prosperity and the
5 quality of life; and
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7 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Highway, the only regional roadway on
8 the north shore of Oahu, is a narrow, two-lane roadway that has
9 seen tremendous traffic volume increases in recent years; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan for the year
12 2030 includes no significant capacity improvements for this
13 highway within the next twenty-three years; and
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15 WHEREAS, a traffic study completed in 2005 for the proposed
16 Kawaihoa Beach Park estimated a volume of one thousand six
17 hundred vehicles per hour on Saturday afternoons, a time when
18 traffic usually backs up for miles in both directions; and
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20 WHEREAS, Kuilima Resort Company's 2005 Traffic Impact
21 Analysis Report update estimates the expanded Turtle Bay Resort
22 will generate up to two thousand fifty-four additional vehicle
23 trips per hour; and
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25 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Highway cannot support the projected
26 increase in vehicular traffic without improvements to provide
27 additional capacity; and
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1 WHEREAS, design, construction, maintenance, and upgrades to
2 the state highway system are the responsibility of the State of
3 Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, emergency vehicles have greater difficulty
6 navigating gridlocked traffic, which could cause significant
7 delays in emergency response and pose serious safety concerns to
8 the residents and visitors of the State of Hawaii; now,
9 therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
13 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Senate
14 Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the
15 House of Representatives Committee on Transportation are
16 requested to convene a joint hearing to consider the likely
17 traffic impacts of the proposed Turtle Bay Resort expansion and
18 mitigation measures that might be needed as a result of the
19 proposed expansion; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Transportation
22 for the State of Hawaii and the Director of the Department of
23 Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu are
24 requested to participate in the joint hearing; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the impacts of the proposed
27 expansion are estimated to bring the highway levels of service
28 and volume-to-capacity ratio outside of national and state
29 highway guidelines:
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31 (1) The Director of Transportation is requested to suggest
32 potential mitigation measures and broad estimates of
33 the costs and timelines involved to implement the
34 mitigation measures; and
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36 (2) The Director of the Department of Planning and
37 Permitting is requested to explain what measures, such
38 as project phasing related to highway capacity
39 expansion, may be required of the developer; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
42 Transportation is requested to delay issuing written
43 confirmation that it has no objections to approval of the City
44 and County of Honolulu's final subdivision map of the Turtle Bay



bulk lot subdivision until the conclusion of this joint
committee hearing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairs
of the Senate Committees on Transportation and International
Affairs and the House of Representatives Committee on
Transportation, the Governor, the Director of Transportation,
the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, the Chair of the
Honolulu City Council, and the Director of the Department of
Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu.

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