
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A KAPAA QUARRY ROAD SAFETY TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND TRAFFIC SAFETY MEASURES FOR KAPAA QUARRY ROAD IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE DANGEROUS ROAD CONDITIONS AND REDUCE HAZARDOUS DRIVING PRACTICES.

1 WHEREAS, Kapaa Quarry Road runs approximately 2.25 miles
2 from Kalanianaʻole Highway to Mokapu Boulevard, on the Windward
3 side of Oahu; and

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5 WHEREAS, Kapaa Quarry Road runs through Kawai Nui Marsh, a
6 Ramsar Wetland of International Importance, and is a habitat for
7 endemic and endangered birds, making the installation of street
8 lights and widening of the roadways difficult; and

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10 WHEREAS, Kapaa Quarry Road has many curves and one deep
11 dip, is unlighted and unimproved, and has no guardrails or lane
12 designations; and

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14 WHEREAS, Kapaa Quarry Road is mainly used by the public to
15 reach Kapaa Quarry, the Kawai Nui Model Field (known as "Airplane
16 Park"), Le Jardin Academy, Kapaa Transfer Station, and
17 businesses in the industrial park; and

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19 WHEREAS, on February 15, 2007, two young women were killed
20 in a crash while traveling on Kapaa Quarry Road, and five others
21 were injured; and

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23 WHEREAS, other accidents on Kapaa Quarry Road in recent
24 years include a 1998 crash attributable to speeding, which
25 resulted in the death of a teenage girl; a 2000 incident
26 involving an overturned vehicle, which resulted in the
27 hospitalization of three people, and a 2001 crash that left a
28 teenage boy hospitalized in critical condition; and

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30 WHEREAS, although the speed limit on Kapaa Quarry Road is
31 twenty-five miles per hour, drivers frequently drive much faster



1 and use the road for entertainment, such as going fast over the
2 dip to simulate a rollercoaster; and
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4 WHEREAS, the State took over the jurisdiction of the Kapaa
5 Quarry from the City and County of Honolulu in 2005, but the
6 Kapaa Quarry Road itself is reportedly owned in portions by four
7 private entities, with the City and County possessing an
8 easement; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
12 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that a Kapaa Quarry Road
13 Safety Task Force is established under the Department of
14 Transportation to recommend traffic safety measures for Kapaa
15 Quarry Road; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Kapaa Quarry
18 Road Safety Task Force include at least one representative from
19 each of the following: the Department of Transportation; the
20 Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of
21 Honolulu; the Department of Land and Natural Resources; the
22 Honolulu Police Department; the Department of Environmental
23 Services of the City and County of Honolulu; the Kailua
24 Neighborhood Board No. 31; the Senate of the State of Hawaii, to
25 be selected by the President of the Senate; the House of
26 Representatives of the State of Hawaii, to be selected by the
27 Speaker of the House of Representatives; and surrounding
28 businesses, schools, and property owners, to be determined by
29 the Department of Transportation; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
32 Transportation provide administrative support to the Kapaa
33 Quarry Road Safety Task Force; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kapaa Quarry Road Safety
36 Task Force report findings and recommendations to the
37 Legislature and the Honolulu City Council no later than twenty
38 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
42 Transportation; the Chair of the Honolulu City Council; the
43 Director of Transportation Services of the City and County of
44 Honolulu; the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural



Resources; the Police Chief of the Honolulu Police Department;
the Director of Environmental Services of the City and County of
Honolulu; the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31; the President of
the Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
surrounding businesses, schools, and properties owners, to be
determined by the Department of Transportation.

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