
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 (Quarry Road) runs approximately
2 2.25 miles from Kalanianaʻole Highway to Mokapu Boulevard, on the
3 Windward side of Oahu; and
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5 WHEREAS, the 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, the Quarry Road has many curves and one deep dip,
11 is unlighted and unimproved, and has no guardrails or lane
12 designations; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Quarry Road is mainly used by the public to
15 reach Kapaa Quarry, the Kawainui 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 Quarry Road, and five others were
21 injured; and
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23 WHEREAS, other accidents on the Quarry Road in recent years
24 include a 1998 crash attributable to speeding, which resulted in
25 the death of a teenage girl; a 2000 incident that overturned a
26 vehicle, which resulted in the hospitalization of three people,
27 and a 2001 crash that left a teenage boy hospitalized in
28 critical condition; and

1 WHEREAS, although the speed limit on the Quarry Road is 25
2 miles per hour, drivers frequently drive much faster and use the
3 road for entertainment, such as going fast over the dip to
4 simulate a rollercoaster; and
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6 WHEREAS, the State took over the jurisdiction of the Kapaa
7 Quarry from the City and County of Honolulu (C&C) in 2005, but
8 portions of the Quarry Road is reportedly owned by four private
9 entities, with the C&C possessing an easement; now, 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 a Kapaa Quarry Road
14 Safety Task Force (Task Force) is established under the
15 Department of Transportation Services (DTS) of the C&C, in
16 conjunction with the Department of Transportation (DOT), to
17 recommend traffic safety measures for Quarry Road; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Task Force
20 include at least one representative from each of the following:
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- 22 • The Department of Transportation;
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- 24 • The Department of Transportation Services of the City
25 and County of Honolulu;
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- 27 • The Department of Land and Natural Resources;
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- 29 • The Honolulu Police Department;
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- 31 • The Department of Environmental Services of the City
32 and County of Honolulu;
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- 34 • The Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31;
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- 36 • The Senate of the State of Hawaii, to be selected by
37 the President of the Senate;
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- 39 • The House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii,
40 to be selected by the Speaker of the House of
41 Representatives; and

- Surrounding businesses, schools, and property owners, to be determined by the DTS, in conjunction with DOT; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DTS, in conjunction with DOT, provide administrative support to the Task Force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature and the Honolulu City Council no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to:

- The Director of Transportation;
- The Chair of the Honolulu City Council;
- The Director of Transportation Services of the City and County of 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; and
- The Chair of the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31.