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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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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 Kawaiiloa 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



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, that the Senate Committee on Transportation and  
14 International Affairs and the House of Representatives Committee  
15 on Transportation are requested to convene a joint hearing to  
16 consider the likely traffic impacts of the proposed Turtle Bay  
17 Resort expansion and mitigation measures that might be needed as  
18 a result of the proposed expansion; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Transportation  
21 for the State of Hawaii and the Director of the Department of  
22 Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu are  
23 requested to participate in the joint hearing; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the impacts of the proposed  
26 expansion are estimated to bring the highway levels of service  
27 and volume-to-capacity ratio outside of national and state  
28 highway guidelines:  
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30 (1) The Director of Transportation is requested to suggest  
31 potential mitigation measures and broad estimates of  
32 the costs and timelines involved to implement the  
33 mitigation measures; and  
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35 (2) The Director of the Department of Planning and  
36 Permitting is requested to explain what measures, such  
37 as project phasing related to highway capacity  
38 expansion, may be required of the developer; and



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

