
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A 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 23 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 1,600 vehicles per
17 hour on Saturday afternoons, a time when traffic usually backs
18 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 2,054 additional vehicle trips per hour; and

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24 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Highway cannot support the projected
25 increase in vehicular traffic without improvements to provide
26 additional capacity; and

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28 WHEREAS, design, construction, maintenance, and upgrades to
29 the state highway system are the responsibility of the State of
30 Hawaii; and



1 WHEREAS, emergency vehicles have greater difficulty
2 navigating gridlocked traffic, which could cause significant
3 delays in emergency response and pose serious safety concerns to
4 the residents and visitors of the State of Hawaii; now,
5 therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
8 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
9 Session of 2007, that the House of Representatives Committee on
10 Transportation is requested to convene a hearing to consider the
11 likely traffic impacts of the proposed Turtle Bay Resort
12 expansion and mitigative measures that might be needed as a
13 result of the proposed expansion; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Transportation
16 for the State of Hawaii and the Director of the Department of
17 Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu are
18 requested to participate in the hearing; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the impacts of the proposed
21 expansion are estimated to bring the highway levels of service
22 and volume-to-capacity ratio outside of national and state
23 highway guidelines:

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25 (1) The Director of Transportation is requested to suggest
26 potential mitigative measures and broad estimates of
27 the costs and timelines involved to implement the
28 mitigative measures; and

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30 (2) The Director of the Department of Planning and
31 Permitting is requested to explain what measures, such
32 as project phasing related to highway capacity
33 expansion, may be required of the developer;

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House of
38 Representatives, the Chair of the House of Representatives
39 Committee on Transportation, the Governor, the Director of
40 Transportation, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu,
41 the Chair of the Honolulu City Council, and the Director of the
42 Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of
43 Honolulu.

