
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO OPEN AND
RECONFIGURE THE EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND SHOULDER LANES FROM
MAKAKILO DRIVE TO THE KUNIA INTERCHANGE NEAR THE EASTBOUND
ON-RAMP ON THE H-1 FREEWAY DURING THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON
RUSH HOURS TO HELP ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

1 WHEREAS, the commute from the Leeward Coast, Ewa Plains,
2 and communities connected to the H-2 freeway into the downtown
3 and Waikiki areas lasts more than ninety minutes during the rush
4 hours; and

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6 WHEREAS, the return commute is just as long, if not longer,
7 during the afternoon rush hours; and

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9 WHEREAS, the State and City and County of Honolulu are
10 exploring and initiating many projects in order to help to
11 alleviate the traffic congestion and long commute times on the
12 H-1 freeway, including completion of the North-South road, a
13 proposed fixed rail/guideway system, a Nimitz Highway flyover,
14 and ferry system from the Leeward Coast to downtown Honolulu;
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17 WHEREAS, each of these ideas have merit, and will help to
18 combat traffic congestion, but all are future solutions; and

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20 WHEREAS, the eastbound and westbound shoulder lanes from
21 Makakilo Drive to the Kunia interchange near the eastbound on-
22 ramp on the H-1 freeway appear to be wide enough to accommodate
23 another lane of traffic; and

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25 WHEREAS, shoulder lanes are necessary for traffic safety,
26 traffic congestion is a daily occurrence; and

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28 WHEREAS, the use of these shoulder lane to accommodate
29 traffic during the rush hours may be an immediate and



1 inexpensive solution to help reduce commute times, which if such
 2 times are reduced, no matter how little the reduction may be,
 3 will help the quality of life for residents of the Leeward
 4 Coast, Ewa Plains, and communities served by the H-2 freeway;
 5 now, 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 department of transportation is
 10 requested to open and reconfigure the eastbound and westbound
 11 shoulder lanes from Makakilo Drive to the Kunia interchange near
 12 the eastbound on-ramp on the H-1 freeway during the morning and
 13 afternoon rush hours to help alleviate traffic congestion; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 16 Resolution be transmitted to the director of the department of
 17 transportation and the Governor.
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