
SENATE 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 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 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, Kapaa Quarry Road is under the control and
5 jurisdiction of the City and County of Honolulu, but the Kapaa
6 Quarry Road itself is reportedly owned in portions by private
7 entities; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and the
10 Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of
11 Honolulu have expressed a willingness to co-chair a Kapaa Quarry
12 Road Safety Task Force; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
16 House of Representatives concurring, that a Kapaa Quarry Road
17 Safety Task Force is established, to be co-chaired by the
18 representatives of the Department of Transportation and the
19 Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of
20 Honolulu; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kapaa Quarry Road Safety
23 Task Force recommend traffic safety measures for Kapaa Quarry
24 Road; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Kapaa Quarry
27 Road Safety Task Force include at least one representative from
28 each of the following: the Department of Transportation; the
29 Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of
30 Honolulu; the Department of Land and Natural Resources; the
31 Honolulu Police Department; the Department of Environmental
32 Services of the City and County of Honolulu; the Kailua
33 Neighborhood Board No. 31; the Senate of the State of Hawaii, to
34 be selected by the President of the Senate; the House of
35 Representatives of the State of Hawaii, to be selected by the
36 Speaker of the House of Representatives; and surrounding
37 businesses, schools, and property owners, to be determined by
38 the Department of Transportation and the Department of
39 Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kapaa Quarry Road Safety
42 Task Force report findings and recommendations to the
43 Legislature and the Honolulu City Council no later than twenty
44 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
3 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
4 Transportation; the Director of Transportation Services of the
5 City and County of Honolulu; the Chair of the Honolulu City
6 Council; the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
7 Resources; the Police Chief of the Honolulu Police Department;
8 the Director of Environmental Services of the City and County of
9 Honolulu; the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31; the President of
10 the Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
11 surrounding businesses, schools, and properties owners, to be
12 determined by the Department of Transportation and the Director
13 of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

