
SENATE RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A NORTH SHORE KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY TRAFFIC CONGESTION TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF TRAFFIC IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED TURTLE BAY RESORT EXPANSION AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION AND TO RECOMMEND MITIGATIVE MEASURES THAT MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE EXPANSION.

1 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Highway, the only regional roadway on
2 the North Shore of O'ahu, is a narrow, two-lane roadway that has
3 seen tremendous traffic volume increases in recent years; and
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5 WHEREAS, the O'ahu Regional Transportation Plan for the year
6 2030 includes no significant capacity improvements for this
7 highway within the next twenty-three years; and
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9 WHEREAS, a traffic study completed in 2005 for the proposed
10 Kawaihoa Beach Park estimated a volume of one thousand six
11 hundred vehicles per hour on Saturday afternoons, a time when
12 traffic usually backs up for miles in both directions; and
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14 WHEREAS, Kuilima Resort Company's 2005 Traffic Impact
15 Analysis Report update estimates the expanded Turtle Bay Resort
16 will generate additional vehicle trips per hour; and
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18 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Highway cannot support the projected
19 increase in vehicular traffic without improvements to provide
20 additional capacity; and
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22 WHEREAS, design, construction, maintenance, and upgrades to
23 the state highway system are the responsibility of the State of
24 Hawai'i; and
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26 WHEREAS, emergency vehicles have greater difficulty
27 navigating gridlocked traffic, which could cause significant
28 delays in emergency response and pose serious safety concerns to
29 the residents and visitors of the State of Hawai'i; now,
30 therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth
33 Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2007,

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1 that a North Shore Kamehameha Highway Traffic Congestion Task
2 Force is established to conduct an assessment of traffic impacts
3 of the proposed Turtle Bay Resort expansion and other
4 developments in the region and to recommend mitigative measures
5 that may be required by the expansion; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Shore Kamehameha
8 Highway Traffic Congestion Task Force be co-chaired by the
9 Department of Transportation and include representatives from
10 the Department of Transportation Services, and the Department of
11 Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the North Shore Kamehameha
14 Highway Traffic Congestion Task Force finds that the impacts of
15 the proposed expansion would bring the highway levels of service
16 and volume-to-capacity ratio outside of national and state
17 highway guidelines, then the Task Force is requested to:
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19 (1) Recommend potential mitigative measures and broad
20 estimates of the costs and timelines involved to
21 implement the mitigative measures; and
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23 (2) Make specific recommendations for measures, such as
24 project phasing related to highway capacity expansion,
25 that may be required of the developer; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Shore Kamehameha
28 Highway Traffic Congestion Task Force seek community input from
29 residents and businesses located in the North Shore area,
30 including the appropriate neighborhood boards, and conduct
31 community public hearings or informational briefings
32 accordingly; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Shore Kamehameha
35 Highway Traffic Congestion Task Force report its findings and
36 recommendations to the Legislature and to the City Council of
37 the City and County of Honolulu no later than twenty days prior
38 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation, the
42 Director of the Department of Transportation Services of the
43 City and County of Honolulu, the Director of the Department of



- 1 Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu, and
- 2 the Chair of the Honolulu City Council.

