
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE OAHU METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING DEVELOP A PLANNING TEMPLATE FOR ENSURING SUFFICIENT REGIONAL HIGHWAY AND ROADWAY DEVELOPMENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF EMERGING RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES IN THE EWA DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND THE WAIANAE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, there has been more than sufficient publicity
2 describing the morass of traffic congestion in leeward Oahu and
3 the daily plight of leeward Oahu commuters; and
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5 WHEREAS, the unchallenged cause of much of this congestion
6 is the unbridled growth in the Ewa Beach and Kapolei areas,
7 despite the City and County of Honolulu's Ewa Development Plan,
8 as amended; and
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10 WHEREAS, this growth in Ewa Beach and Kapolei has a direct
11 impact upon the residents of the Waianae coast, from Nanakuli to
12 Makaha, who have to commute through these areas to get to
13 schools and jobs in Honolulu; and
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15 WHEREAS, there have been many calls for regional highway
16 improvements intended to serve new residential developments to
17 have been completed prior to, or concurrent with, the completion
18 of the new residential development; and
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20 WHEREAS, many private developers decry what they refer to
21 as the "fallacy" of concurrency legislation, pointing to what
22 the private developers claim is a failure of the State and the
23 counties in not fulfilling their responsibilities to plan and
24 provide funding for necessary capital infrastructure
25 improvements in a timely manner; and
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1 WHEREAS, while service to new residential developments must
2 be addressed to ensure adequate infrastructure for these new
3 developments, equally important is the impact these new
4 developments and the need for more infrastructure will have on
5 existing adjoining communities and regions; now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
8 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
9 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Oahu Metropolitan
10 Planning Organization and the City and County of Honolulu
11 Department of Planning and Permitting are requested to develop a
12 planning template for ensuring sufficient regional highway, both
13 state and county, improvements to serve emerging residential
14 communities in the Ewa Development Plan area and the existing
15 and new residential communities in the Waianae Sustainable
16 Communities Plan area; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
19 the template include but not be limited to:
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21 (1) Road construction policies that ensure that regional
22 highway, both state and county, improvements are
23 planned and constructed in time to serve planned
24 residential developments in the Ewa Development Plan
25 area and Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan and the
26 contemplated impact that these new developments will
27 have on the residents of the Waianae coast, from
28 Nanakuli to Makaha, all in accordance with approved
29 transportation plans and transportation improvement
30 programs and approved state transportation improvement
31 priorities;
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33 (2) Policies that set forth in sufficient detail the
34 relative responsibilities and requirements of the
35 private sector and the public sector in providing
36 their fair share of all required highway improvements
37 serving the Ewa Development Plan area and the Waianae
38 Sustainable Communities Plan area; and
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40 (3) Estimates of annual public capital improvement costs
41 to ensure that these improvements will be completed
42 prior to or concurrently with the completion of
43 residential developments in the areas; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oahu Metropolitan Planning
 2 Organization and the City and County of Honolulu Department of
 3 Planning and Permitting are requested to submit a report on its
 4 Ewa Development Plan and Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan
 5 template, along with any recommended legislation to the
 6 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 7 the Regular Session of 2010; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Chairperson
 11 of the Council, and Director of the Department of Planning and
 12 Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu and Chairperson of
 13 the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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