
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY
ON THE FEASIBILITY OF USING LUALUALEI NAVAL ROAD AS AN
EVACUATION ROUTE IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY OR NATURAL
DISASTER ON THE LEEWARD COAST.

1 WHEREAS, the leeward coast of Oahu has suffered many
2 disasters in the past, natural and otherwise; and

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4 WHEREAS, the sole public passage out of the leeward coast
5 area to other parts of Oahu in the event of any disaster
6 requiring the evacuation of the leeward coast is Farrington
7 Highway, which has been closed numerous times in the recent
8 years because of accidents, severe weather, and other emergency
9 conditions; and

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11 WHEREAS, in the event of a disaster requiring the
12 evacuation of the leeward coast during a closure of Farrington
13 Highway, tens of thousands of civilian lives will be placed in
14 harm's way; and

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16 WHEREAS, Lualualei Naval Road, also known as Kolekole Pass
17 Road, is the only passage through the Waianae mountain range at
18 Kolekole Pass, connecting the leeward coast with central Oahu;
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21 WHEREAS, Lualualei Naval Road is presently closed to
22 civilian traffic; and

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24 WHEREAS, opening Lualualei Naval Road to civilian traffic
25 during an emergency or natural disaster would provide an
26 alternative route for evacuating residents of the leeward coast
27 to other areas of Oahu and could save countless lives; now,
28 therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Reference
4 Bureau is requested to conduct a study on the feasibility of
5 using Lualualei Naval Road as an evacuation route in the event
6 of an emergency or natural disaster on the leeward coast; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in its study, the Bureau is
9 requested to:

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- 11 (1) Determine the logistical challenges of opening
12 Lualualei Naval Road to civilian traffic during an
13 emergency or natural disaster;
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 - 15 (2) Review and consider the jurisdictional issues that
16 need to be addressed and resolved to allow the use of
17 Lualualei Naval Road as an emergency evacuation route
18 for civilians;
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 - 20 (3) Determine any conditions that would be necessitated by
21 an agreement between the State, the United States
22 Navy, and the United States Army for the use of
23 Lualualei Naval Road during any emergency, including
24 but not limited to determining what event or
25 declaration would be required to permit use of the
26 road by civilian traffic; and
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 - 28 (4) Consider any other pertinent issues that may be
29 involved in the use of the Lualualei Naval Road as an
30 emergency evacuation route; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
33 Bureau is requested to submit its findings and recommendations
34 including any recommended legislation, to the Legislature, not
35 less than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
36 Session of 2010; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
40 Legislative Reference Bureau, the Commander, United States
41 Pacific Fleet, the Commanding General, United States Army
42 Pacific, and the Commander, United States Pacific Command.

