
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE ANE KEOHOKALOLE HIGHWAY
EXTENSION, MID-LEVEL ROAD, IN THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has identified
2 the Ane Keohokalole Highway extension, mid-level road as a
3 priority project; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Ane Keohokalole Highway extension project is
6 being coordinated with the County of Hawai'i, Department of
7 Hawaiian Home Lands, and Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development
8 Corporation; and
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10 WHEREAS, the project involves a \$15 million procurement
11 request to construct an extension of Ane Keohokalole Highway
12 which includes new roadways, relocation and construction of new
13 utilities, and other improvements; and
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15 WHEREAS, the existing north-south traffic between the
16 primary employment centers of South Kohala and South Kona is
17 limited to the two arterial corridors of Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway
18 and Mamalahoa Highway, which leads to long delays along both
19 highways; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Ana Keohokalole Highway extension is a mid-
22 level road project that will help reduce traffic congestion in
23 the Kealekehe region by providing an alternative to the
24 presently existing routes; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Ana Keohokalole Highway extension will provide
27 direct access to two major affordable housing projects, which
28 would allow residents to purchase affordable homes being
29 developed by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (Villages of
30 La'I Opuu, more than 700 homes) and Hawai'i Housing Finance and
31 Development Corporation (Keahuolu project, 2,200 homes); and
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1 WHEREAS, together, the two housing projects will help meet
 2 the need for affordable housing in the North Kona area, and
 3 simultaneously provide construction jobs to stimulate the Big
 4 Island economy; and

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 6 WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development
 7 Corporation project alone is projected to generate \$500 million
 8 in construction-related wages while providing affordable houses;
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 11 WHEREAS, a petition has been signed by over 450 people over
 12 a four-day period in support of the Ane Keohokalole Highway
 13 extension project; now, therefore,

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 15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 16 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 17 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature expresses
 18 support for the Ane Keohokalole Highway extension project; and

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 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
 22 of Transportation, Chairperson of the Hawaiian Home Lands
 23 Commission, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Housing and Finance
 24 Development Corporation, and Mayor of the County of Hawai'i.

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