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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FERRY SYSTEM FROM THE  
HOAKALEI RESORT AND MARINA IN EWA BEACH TO DOWNTOWN  
HONOLULU.

1           WHEREAS, in the 1970s, the vision of the City and County of  
2 Honolulu was the creation of a second city in Kapolei as a  
3 second urban core on Oahu to relieve congestion in east Oahu by  
4 distributing population growth westward; and  
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6           WHEREAS, this long-term land use decision gave rise to  
7 major developments on the Ewa plains for commercial, office,  
8 residential, and industrial uses for both the government and  
9 private sector; and  
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11           WHEREAS, Kapolei has experienced enormous population and  
12 job growth, rising from approximately forty-three thousand  
13 residents in 1990 to about eighty-four thousand in 2005, and the  
14 population is projected to grow to roughly one hundred seventy-  
15 three thousand persons by 2025; and  
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17           WHEREAS, Ewa is also a dynamically growing area, with more  
18 than seven thousand housing units added to the Ewa plains area  
19 in a comparable time period, and thousands more on the drawing  
20 board; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the growth of Kapolei and Ewa is expected to  
23 provide more than sixty-five thousand jobs by 2025, making this  
24 area a regional commercial center and attracting customers from  
25 all parts of Oahu; and  
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27           WHEREAS, both the Ko Olina and Hoakalei Resort and Marina  
28 are projected to include over three thousand seven hundred  
29 visitor units per year by 2020; and  
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31           WHEREAS, in addition to the increasing number of jobs and  
32 homes, other new developments will also contribute to the  
33 traffic congestion experienced in the Ewa region, including the



1 new University of Hawaii at West Oahu campus, a major super  
2 regional park, the Ko Olina Resort and Marina, Kalaeloa, a major  
3 deep draft harbor and industrial center at Campbell Industrial  
4 Park and Barber's Point, the Hoakalei Resort and Marina, the  
5 Salvation Army Kroc Center, and a planned film studio and  
6 supporting industrial complex; and  
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8 WHEREAS, all of these new developments are anticipated to  
9 result in increased vehicular flow between the Ewa region and  
10 Honolulu; and  
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12 WHEREAS, the Ewa Development Plan acknowledges that,  
13 despite the projected increase of Ewa residents who live and  
14 work in the Ewa region, the majority of Ewa residents will  
15 commute to jobs in Honolulu and recommends that transportation  
16 plans should provide adequate capacity for commuting to work  
17 from Ewa to the primary urban center in Honolulu; and  
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19 WHEREAS, in 1992, a consortium of developers and landowners  
20 prepared an Ewa Region Highway Transportation Master Plan as  
21 part of a process to assess the need for highway improvements  
22 and estimate the portion of costs to be contributed by each  
23 developer vis-a-vis agreements under which each agreed to pay  
24 its fair share of necessary road development; and  
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26 WHEREAS, current and planned transportation improvements  
27 enhance the flow of vehicles within the Ewa-Kapolei-Makakilo-  
28 Kalaeloa corridor, but not the commute between the area and the  
29 primary urban center in downtown Honolulu; and  
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31 WHEREAS, common experience demonstrates that congested  
32 conditions exist for the Ewa region because of insufficient  
33 capacity on the corridors leading from the Ewa marina, up Fort  
34 Weaver Road to the H-1 interchange, and from the H-1 interchange  
35 to downtown Honolulu; and  
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37 WHEREAS, according to the Oahu Metropolitan Planning  
38 Organization's 2020 Oahu Regional Transportation Plan, the  
39 traffic congestion already experienced daily by Ewa residents  
40 will be exacerbated by a projected sixty per cent increase in  
41 vehicular volume on the H-1 Freeway at Waikele as well as a  
42 projected ten per cent increase at Aiea by 2020; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Ewa Development Plan recommends a reduction in  
3 the reliance on private passenger vehicles through inclusion and  
4 implementation of transit-oriented development and alternative  
5 transportation methods, as well as strategic planning for a  
6 "more mobile, less automobile-dependent community"; and  
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8 WHEREAS, a Honolulu Public Transit Authority study on bus  
9 system expansion from 1994 to 2006, showed in an increase in  
10 buses assigned to the Ewa service area from thirty-five to  
11 eighty-eight buses, of which forty-five were high-capacity  
12 buses; and  
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14 WHEREAS, to encourage and facilitate bus ridership, the  
15 City and County of Honolulu's Department of Transportation  
16 Services has proposed a park-and-ride facility in Ewa near the  
17 future North-South Road and Kapolei Parkway intersection; and  
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19 WHEREAS, two pilot ferry programs have been funded by the  
20 federal government, while TheBoat, a ferry program currently  
21 operating out of Campbell Industrial Park, has been extended  
22 beyond its initial one-year demonstration period; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the tremendous growth in the Ewa Beach region  
25 merits an alternative means of transportation to Honolulu to  
26 alleviate congestion on the H-1; now, therefore,  
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
29 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
30 of 2009, that the Department of Transportation is encouraged to  
31 engage in and facilitate discussions with the City and County of  
32 Honolulu Department of Transportation Services, private  
33 developers, and other stakeholders to explore the possibility of  
34 establishing a ferry operation from the Hoakalei Resort and  
35 Marina to downtown Honolulu; and  
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the respective parties are  
38 encouraged to request assistance from Hawaii's congressional  
39 delegation to identify possible funding sources for this ferry  
40 system; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation, the  
3 Director of the Department of Transportation Services for the  
4 City and County of Honolulu, the President of Haseko (Hawaii),  
5 Inc., and to each member of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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