
HOUSE 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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27 WHEREAS, while service to new residential developments must
28 be addressed to ensure adequate infrastructure for these new
29 developments, equally important is the impact these new



1 developments and the need for more infrastructure will have on
2 existing adjoining communities and regions; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2009, that the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization and
7 the City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and
8 Permitting are requested to develop a planning template for
9 ensuring sufficient regional highway, both state and county,
10 improvements to serve emerging residential communities in the
11 Ewa Development Plan area and the existing and new residential
12 communities in the Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan area;
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body requests that the
16 template include but not be limited to:
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- 18 (1) Road construction policies that ensure that regional
19 highway, both state and county, improvements are
20 planned and constructed in time to serve planned
21 residential developments in the Ewa Development Plan
22 area and Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan and the
23 contemplated impact that these new developments will
24 have on the residents of the Waianae coast, from
25 Nanakuli to Makaha, all in accordance with approved
26 transportation plans and transportation improvement
27 programs and approved state transportation improvement
28 priorities;
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- 30 (2) Policies that set forth in sufficient detail the
31 relative responsibilities and requirements of the
32 private sector and the public sector in providing
33 their fair share of all required highway improvements
34 serving the Ewa Development Plan area and the Waianae
35 Sustainable Communities Plan area; and
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- 37 (3) Estimates of annual public capital improvement costs
38 to ensure that these improvements will be completed
39 prior to or concurrently with the completion of
40 residential developments in the areas; and
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oahu Metropolitan Planning
43 Organization and the City and County of Honolulu Department of
44 Planning and Permitting are requested to submit a report on its



1 Ewa Development Plan and Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan
2 template, along with any recommended legislation to the
3 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of
4 the Regular Session of 2010; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Chairperson of the
8 Council, and Director of the Department of Planning and
9 Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu and Chairperson of
10 the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization.
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