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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, 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 recent years  
8           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;  
19           and  
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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,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
3 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Reference  
4 Bureau (LRB), with the cooperation, support, and assistance of  
5 the Department of Defense, specifically the Civil Defense  
6 Division, is requested to conduct a study on the feasibility of  
7 using Lualualei Naval Road as an evacuation route in the event  
8 of an emergency or natural disaster on the leeward coast; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in its study, LRB is requested  
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- 13 (1) Determine the logistical challenges of opening  
14 Lualualei Naval Road to civilian traffic during an  
15 emergency or natural disaster;
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- 17 (2) Review and consider the jurisdictional issues that  
18 need to be addressed and resolved to allow the use of  
19 Lualualei Naval Road as an emergency evacuation route  
20 for civilians;
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- 22 (3) Determine any conditions necessitated by an agreement  
23 between the State, the United States Navy, and the  
24 United States Army for the use of Lualualei Naval Road  
25 during any emergency, including determining what event  
26 or declaration would be required to permit use of the  
27 road by civilian traffic; and  
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- 29 (4) Consider any other pertinent issues that may be  
30 involved in the use of Lualualei Naval Road as an  
31 emergency evacuation route;

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LRB is requested to submit its  
35 findings and recommendations, including any recommended  
36 legislation, to the Legislature no less than twenty days prior  
37 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and  
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the  
41 Legislative Reference Bureau; Adjutant General; Commander,  
42 United States Pacific Fleet; Commanding General, United States  
43 Army Pacific; and Commander, United States Pacific Command.

