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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE OAHU METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF USING KOLEKOLE PASS ROAD AS AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF ACCESS TO AND FROM THE LEEWARD COAST OF OAHU.

1           WHEREAS, Farrington Highway is the main route of travel  
2 through the communities of the Leeward Coast of Oahu and is the  
3 only public highway that leads into and out of the region; and  
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5           WHEREAS, in recent years, Farrington Highway has  
6 experienced lane closures or a complete shutdown on numerous  
7 occasions due to traffic accidents, severe weather, and other  
8 emergency conditions; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the Mauka Highway project was developed to plan a  
11 proposed roadway through the Waianae mountain range to connect  
12 the Leeward Coast with Central Oahu and provide an alternative  
13 means of access to and from the Leeward Coast; and  
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15           WHEREAS, while several proposed alignments for the Mauka  
16 Highway project have been considered, the project has not  
17 received funding for further development or to begin  
18 construction; and  
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20           WHEREAS, Kolekole Pass Road, a federally-owned and  
21 controlled road, passes through the Waianae mountain range and  
22 connects the Leeward Coast to Central Oahu; and  
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24           WHEREAS, Kolekole Pass Road passes through two military  
25 installations and is currently not open to civilian traffic; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the State, the United States Army, and the United  
28 States Navy have entered into a memorandum of understanding with  
29 the state Department of Defense for use of Kolekole Pass Road as  
30 an emergency evacuation route; and  
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1 WHEREAS, pursuant to that memorandum of understanding,  
2 Kolekole Pass Road has in fact, been used on several occasions  
3 as an emergency evacuation route; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that there is a critical  
6 need for an alternate route to the Leeward Coast to alleviate  
7 traffic congestion and accommodate the growing population on the  
8 Leeward side of Oahu; now, therefore,  
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,  
12 that the Department of Transportation, with the cooperation,  
13 support, and assistance of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning  
14 Organization, is requested to conduct a study on the feasibility  
15 of using Kolekole Pass Road as an alignment for the Mauka  
16 Highway project to provide an alternative means of access to and  
17 from the Leeward Coast; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in its study, the Department  
20 of Transportation is requested to:

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- 22 (1) Determine the logistical challenges of opening  
23 Kolekole Pass Road to civilian traffic on a permanent  
24 basis;  
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  - 26 (2) Review and consider the jurisdictional issues that  
27 need to be addressed and resolved to allow the use of  
28 Kolekole Pass Road by civilians;  
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  - 30 (3) Determine any conditions necessitated by an agreement  
31 between the State, the United States Navy, and the  
32 United States Army for the use of Kolekole Pass Road  
33 as a highway open to civilian traffic; and  
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  - 35 (4) Consider any other pertinent issues that may be  
36 involved in the use of Kolekole Pass Road as an  
37 alternative means of access to and from the Leeward  
38 Coast; and  
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
41 Transportation is requested to submit its findings and  
42 recommendations, including any recommended legislation, to the  
43 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
44 the Regular Session of 2012; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
3 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation;  
4 Executive Director of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning  
5 Organization; Commander, United States Pacific Fleet; Commanding  
6 General, United States Army Pacific; and Commander, United  
7 States Pacific Command.

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