
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO REVIEW ITS
POLICIES REGARDING STREET AND ROAD WIDENING, WITH REGARD TO
THEIR IMPACT ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

1 WHEREAS, in many Honolulu neighborhoods, older streets and
2 roads are often narrow, which can impede the flow of traffic and
3 raise safety issues; and
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5 WHEREAS, in an effort to improve traffic flow, the City and
6 County of Honolulu may require a property setback in order to
7 widen streets and roads; and
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9 WHEREAS, in neighborhoods with a high population of older
10 residents, these seniors may be unable to cross the street in a
11 timely fashion or safe manner, and wider streets in the
12 residential areas in which they live may be more difficult for
13 them to navigate; and
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15 WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and
16 Prevention reported in 2007 that Hawaii ranked No. 1 in
17 pedestrian fatalities for people age 65 and over; and
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19 WHEREAS, of the 27 pedestrian fatalities in 2010, 10 were
20 seniors; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
24 of 2012, that the City and County of Honolulu is requested to
25 review its policies regarding street and road widening, with
26 regard to their impact on pedestrian safety; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the review include information
29 on the impact of street and road widening on pedestrian safety
30 in neighborhoods with significant senior populations; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu
33 report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no
34 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
35 Session of 2013; and



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 2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 3 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of
 4 Honolulu and the Department of Planning and Permitting.
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OFFERED BY: Mayor B. Lee

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