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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY ON THE REGIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS AND INCREASING TOURISM IN THE NORTH SHORE AND KOOLAULOA DISTRICTS.

1 WHEREAS, the North Shore and Koolauloa districts of Oahu
2 are rural, sparsely populated communities that are accessed via
3 the narrow, two lane Kamehameha Highway; and
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5 WHEREAS, traffic congestion along this regional highway has
6 become a major problem for residents, visitors, businesses and
7 emergency services who get trapped in its gridlock; and
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9 WHEREAS, expansion of the Turtle Bay Resort could add
10 several hundred vehicles per hour to the already congested
11 roadway; and
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13 WHEREAS, the proposed Malaekahana residential development
14 could also add hundreds of additional vehicles to Kamehameha
15 Highway; and
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17 WHEREAS, development in Central Oahu has contributed to the
18 traffic congestion on weekends and holidays, and the proposed
19 Koa Ridge development could exacerbate existing congestion; and
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21 WHEREAS, more than fifty percent of visitors to Oahu visit
22 the North Shore, thousands of them traveling daily in rental
23 cars which add to traffic congestion; and
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25 WHEREAS, various in-fill developments, such as Kahuku
26 Haleiwa, Waialua and smaller projects would add even more demand
27 to highway capacity; and
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1 WHEREAS, there is very little capacity along Kamehameha
2 Highway in the North Shore and Koolauloa Districts to absorb
3 additional traffic demand; and

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5 WHEREAS, individual development projects are required only
6 to study background conditions and the impacts their own
7 projects will generate, yet total regional impacts of all
8 potential developments and increasing tourism are not
9 comprehensively studied and considered; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, THE
13 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Department
14 of Transportation study the cumulative traffic impacts of all
15 proposed and likely developments on Kamehameha Highway in the
16 North Shore and Koolauloa Districts; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the traffic impacts studied
19 shall include all related traffic factors such as background
20 levels, large developments, rental cars and tour buses, in-fill
21 residential developments, and all other related factors; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study analyze the
24 cumulative traffic impacts with regard to highway capacity, such
25 as vehicles per hour ratios, levels of service and other
26 relevant statistical data;

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
29 Transportation submit a report, including any recommendations,
30 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
31 convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
35 Department of Transportation.

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OFFERED BY: CPA Hce

