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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO MAKE THE NECESSARY  
ACCOMMODATIONS TO ALLOW THE EASTBOUND SHOULDER LANES FROM  
THE MAKAKILO DRIVE ON-RAMP TO THE KUNIA OFF-RAMP ON THE H-1  
FREEWAY DURING PEAK MORNING TRAFFIC HOURS TO ASSIST IN  
ALLEVIATING TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

1           WHEREAS, the commute from the Leeward Coast, including the  
2 Waianae Coast, Kapolei, Makakilo, Kunia Plains, Ewa Plains, and  
3 communities connected to the H-1 Freeway, into the downtown and  
4 Waikiki areas currently takes more than 90 minutes during rush  
5 hour; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the State has a strong interest in supporting its  
8 residents who commute to work and school, because Hawaii's  
9 economy is strengthened by a high rate of employment and an  
10 educated workforce; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the Congestion Management Process report generated  
13 by the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization dated November  
14 2011 estimated that by 2035, the commute time from the Leeward  
15 Coast to the downtown area during peak times will be  
16 approximately two hours; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the Congestion Management Process report further  
19 projected that the majority of jobs will remain in the urban  
20 core in 2035, while the number of housing units in the Leeward  
21 Coast will increase by 301 percent and resident population in  
22 the Leeward Coast will increase by 291 percent between 2007 and  
23 2035; and  
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25           WHEREAS, shoulder lanes and other methods of congestion  
26 relief have been afforded to commuters travelling in the east  
27 and central Oahu corridors; and



1 WHEREAS, the use of shoulder lanes to accommodate traffic  
 2 during peak times will be an immediate and inexpensive solution  
 3 to help reduce commute times, which will improve the quality of  
 4 life for residents of the Leeward Coast, including the Waianae  
 5 Coast, Kapolei, Makakilo, Kunia Plains, Ewa Plains, and  
 6 communities connected to the H-1 Freeway; now, therefore,  
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 9 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 10 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
 11 Transportation is urged to place on its priority list and work  
 12 towards the opening of the eastbound shoulder lanes from the  
 13 Makakilo Drive on-ramp to the Kunia off-ramp on the H-1 Freeway  
 14 during the morning rush hour to help alleviate traffic  
 15 congestion; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
 19 of Transportation, and Executive Director of the Oahu  
 20 Metropolitan Planning Organization.  
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