

HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXAMINE ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO REDESIGN THE H-1/H-2 FREEWAY MERGE TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

WHEREAS, Hawaii faces severe traffic problems, which continue to worsen and impose substantial hardships on commuters and businesses; and

WHEREAS, excessive traffic congestion has a severe detrimental impact on Hawaii's economy, the environment, and the quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, Honolulu ranked first for traffic congestion out of 100 cities in 2011 according to a study by INRIX, a provider of traffic and navigation services in North America; and

WHEREAS, the INRIX study found that Honolulu drivers waste an average of 58 hours per year in traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, West Oahu commuters face some of the most severe traffic congestion on Oahu as they travel toward Honolulu on weekday mornings often spending several hours in traffic gridlock; and

WHEREAS, a bottleneck exists at the H-1/H-2 freeway merge that exacerbates the traffic congestion problem; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive study examining the worsening traffic congestion by the H-1/H-2 freeway merge would assist the State in finding solutions to address one area of concern regarding traffic congestion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, that the Department of Transportation is urged

to study alternative ways to alleviate Eastbound traffic congestion on the H-1/H-2 freeway, particularly near the H-1/H-2 merge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study consider possible ways of redesigning the H-1/H-2 freeway merge; and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation submit a report, including any findings, recommendations, and necessary legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.

OFFERED BY:

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