
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION TO
CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY AND COST OF CONSTRUCTING
A RAPID TRANSPORTATION LINE FROM EAST KAPOLEI TO MAKAHA.

1 WHEREAS, commuting on the island of Oahu has become
2 stressful and time-consuming for many residents, especially
3 those residing along the island's Leeward Coast; and
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5 WHEREAS, the only road connecting communities along the
6 Leeward Coast to the H1 freeway is Hawaii Route 93, which spans
7 from beyond Makaha on its western end to Kapolei on its eastern
8 end, where it splits off into Kapolei and becomes Interstate
9 H-1; and
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11 WHEREAS, Hawaii Route 93 is currently reaching its maximum
12 capacity during rush hour, and is pushed beyond its capacity in
13 the unfortunate event that there is a car accident or a stalled
14 vehicle along the highway; and
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16 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu has bus routes
17 that extend to Makaha in order to alleviate traffic, but these
18 bus routes will ultimately still be slowed down by road traffic,
19 as they share the road with other commuters; and
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21 WHEREAS, the construction of the Honolulu High-Capacity
22 Transit Corridor Project ends in East Kapolei, which is the
23 western most point of the Project; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2013, that the Honolulu Authority for Rapid
28 Transportation is requested to conduct a study on the
29 feasibility, cost, environmental impact, and public opinion of
30 constructing a rapid transit line, aboveground or underground,
31 spanning from Makaha to the expected East Kapolei station; and



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- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include:
- (1) A brief overview on the current traffic conditions along Hawaii Route 93;
 - (2) A brief overview on the current proposals to solve the traffic situation along Hawaii Route 93 and their impacts, including, but not limited to, the construction of an access road, the expansion of bus routes along the Waianae Coast, and the widening of Hawaii Route 93;
 - (3) An analysis of the feasibility, cost, environmental impact, and public opinion of a rapid transit line along the Leeward Coast with stations in Makaha, Waianae, Maili, Nanakuli, and East Kapolei, either aboveground or underground;
 - (4) A cost-benefit analysis of constructing a rapid transit line along the Leeward Coast with stations in Makaha, Waianae, Maili, Nanakuli, and East Kapolei, either aboveground or underground;
 - (5) An identification and evaluation of desired, intended, and unintended effects of constructing a rapid transit line along the Leeward Coast with stations in Makaha, Waianae, Maili, Nanakuli, and East Kapolei, either aboveground or underground;
 - (6) A timetable for the construction of a rapid transit line along the Leeward Coast with stations in Makaha, Waianae, Maili, Nanakuli, and East Kapolei, either aboveground or underground;
 - (7) A study on the impact of an underground rail project along the Leeward Coast and the disturbance of Hawaiian cultural sites, including burial sites; and
 - (8) Any other issues deemed necessary or relevant by the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honolulu Authority for
 2 Rapid Transportation is requested to submit its preliminary
 3 findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than
 4 July 1, 2014, and its detailed findings and recommendations to
 5 the Legislature no later than July 1, 2015; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 8 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the
 9 Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation.

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