
HOUSE 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, that the Department of Transportation is urged
 11 to place on its priority list and work towards the opening of
 12 the eastbound shoulder lanes from the Makakilo Drive on-ramp to
 13 the Kunia off-ramp on the H-1 Freeway during the morning rush
 14 hour to help alleviate traffic congestion; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 17 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of
 18 Transportation, and Executive Director of the Oahu Metropolitan
 19 Planning Organization.
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**H.C.R. 141 & H.R. 111
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House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of H.C.R. 141 and H.R. 111. However, DOT's current top priorities for congestion relief are focused along Interstate Route H-1 where reconfiguring for an additional lane in each direction from Middle Street to Vineyard Boulevard (ADT 167,000 vehicles) and implementation of the westbound PM Contraflow Lane from Halawa Interchange to Waiawa Interchange (Average Daily Traffic 200,000+ vehicles) will provide a greater benefit. In addition, the DOT is investigating the feasibility of extending the A.M. Zipper Lane from Kunia Interchange to Makakilo Interchange which will benefit motorists from West Oahu.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

