
HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii faces severe traffic problems, which
2 continue to worsen and impose substantial hardships on commuters
3 and businesses; and
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5 WHEREAS, excessive traffic congestion has a severe
6 detrimental impact on Hawaii's economy, the environment, and the
7 quality of life for residents; and
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9 WHEREAS, Honolulu ranked first for traffic congestion out
10 of 100 cities in 2011 according to a study by INRIX, a provider
11 of traffic and navigation services in North America; and
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13 WHEREAS, the INRIX study found that Honolulu drivers waste
14 an average of 58 hours per year in traffic congestion; and
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16 WHEREAS, West Oahu commuters face some of the most severe
17 traffic congestion on Oahu as they travel toward Honolulu on
18 weekday mornings often spending several hours in traffic
19 gridlock; and
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21 WHEREAS, a bottleneck exists at the H-1/H-2 freeway merge
22 that exacerbates the traffic congestion problem; and
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24 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study examining the worsening
25 traffic congestion by the H-1/H-2 freeway merge would assist the
26 State in finding solutions to address one area of concern
27 regarding traffic congestion; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
31 Session of 2013, that the Department of Transportation is urged



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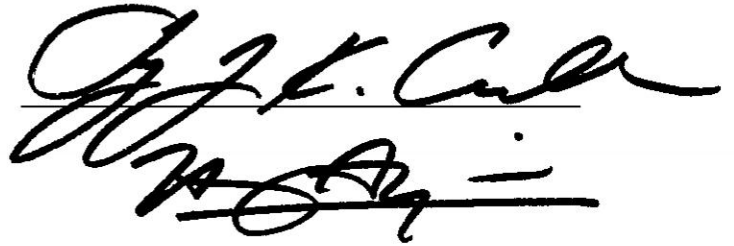
1 to study alternative ways to alleviate Eastbound traffic
2 congestion on the H-1/H-2 freeway, particularly near the H-1/H-2
3 merge; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study consider possible
6 ways of redesigning the H-1/H-2 freeway merge; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
9 Transportation submit a report, including any findings,
10 recommendations, and necessary legislation, to the Legislature
11 no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular
12 Session of 2014; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.
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H.C.R. 142 & H.R. 113
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House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) appreciates the intent of these resolutions.

However, the DOT **opposes** H.C.R. 142 because we have proceeded with an Interstate Route H-1 Corridor Study that will assess the existing congestion and future capacity needs for the 27 miles of freeway for the purpose of identifying possible short- to long-term solutions. The study will include the H-1 and H-2 Freeway (Waiawa Interchange) merge that this resolution proposes.

The DOT has proceeded on this matter and has recently executed a consultant contract to assist with this corridor study.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

