
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT CERTAIN
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY STUDIES FOR THE EWA AREA OF OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, traffic congestion is a serious problem faced by
2 cities around the country and throughout the world; and
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4 WHEREAS, traffic congestion negatively impacts the quality
5 of life and can result in daily delays and the inability to plan
6 events, excessive consumption of fossil fuels and further damage
7 to our environment, increased stress and road rage incidents,
8 and increased risk of accidents and crashes; and
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10 WHEREAS, traffic congestion in Honolulu has been ranked
11 consistently as one of the worst in the nation, ranking second
12 and third in two separate studies published in 2013; and
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14 WHEREAS, according to TomTom's traffic index, the average
15 commute time in Honolulu is around 30 minutes, and a commuter
16 will experience around 76 hours of delays per year; and
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18 WHEREAS, increased traffic in Hawaii has helped contribute
19 to a surprising rate of around 10,000 serious traffic accidents
20 a year; between 120 and 150 fatalities occur as a result of such
21 accidents, with 8,000 to 12,000 seriously injured; and
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23 WHEREAS, the problems with traffic in Honolulu are
24 particularly pronounced in the weekday commute between metro
25 Honolulu and the Ewa area of Oahu; and
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27 WHEREAS, traffic congestion may only worsen as more and
28 more residents move west in pursuit of affordable homes, adding
29 even more stress to an already strained infrastructure in the
30 region; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2014, that the Department of Transportation is
4 requested to conduct a traffic and safety study on:

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- 6 (1) The H-1 Freeway, on weekdays, in the eastbound
7 direction from exit number 2 to exit number 21B from
8 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and in the westbound
9 direction from exit number 21B to exit number 7 from
10 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., to develop alternative traffic
11 solutions and assess the feasibility of adding a
12 shoulder lane from exit number 2 to exit number 8A;
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- 15 (2) Kunia Road (Highway 750), on weekdays, in the north
16 and south bound directions from the H-1 Freeway off-
17 ramp at exit number 5B to Kunia Drive, and from Kunia
18 Drive to the H-1 Freeway on-ramp at exit number 5A,
19 from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to
20 7:00 p.m., to develop alternative traffic solutions;
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
24 Transportation upon concluding its studies, is requested to
25 report all of its findings, recommendations, and any proposed
26 legislation to the Legislature no later than twenty days before
27 the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.
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