
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO SECURE FUNDING TO
REINSTATE THE PEARL HARBOR WATER TAXI SERVICE FOR THE
BENEFIT OF EWA COMMUTERS AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.

1 WHEREAS, in March 2013, federal budget cuts eliminated the
2 water taxi service at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; and
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4 WHEREAS, the water taxi service shuttled 150 to 200 people
5 daily from Iroquois Point in Ewa Beach to a landing across the
6 Pearl Harbor channel; and
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8 WHEREAS, thousands of Leeward residents commute daily
9 during rush hour, and the water taxi service allowed riders to
10 avoid rush hour traffic and lessened the number of commuters on
11 the H-1; and
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13 WHEREAS, traffic on the H-1 continues to increase due to
14 recent housing developments in Ewa Beach, and more Ewa area
15 housing projects are planned across the Ewa Plain; and
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17 WHEREAS, the issues with excessive traffic on the H-1 will
18 only continue to grow as the Leeward side continues to develop;
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21 WHEREAS, the reinstatement of the water taxi service would
22 aid in alleviating congested traffic on the H-1 and greatly
23 improve the quality of life for Leeward residents; and
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25 WHEREAS, members of the public have expressed an interest
26 in paying a fee for the water taxi service to reinstate it; now,
27 therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 3 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
 4 Transportation is requested to secure funding to reinstate the
 5 water taxi service from Iroquois Point in Ewa Beach to a landing
 6 across the Pearl Harbor channel for the benefit of Ewa commuters
 7 and the surrounding community; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
 10 Transportation is requested to secure funding through the use of
 11 government funds and grants, private-public partnerships, or a
 12 partnership with the military, among other entities; and

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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
 15 Transportation shall submit a report of its findings and
 16 recommendations, including proposed legislation, if any, on
 17 securing funding for a water taxi service, to the Legislature no
 18 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
 19 Session of 2017; and

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 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States
 23 Secretary of Transportation, the Joint Base Commander of Joint
 24 Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, the Governor, Adjutant General,
 25 Director of Transportation, Mayor of the City and County of
 26 Honolulu, and the Council Chair of the Honolulu City Council.

OFFERED BY:

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