
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO BEGIN
CONSTRUCTION OF THE LEEWARD BIKEWAY IN 2016.

1 WHEREAS, in 1980, the right-of-way for the Leeward Bikeway
2 on the island of Oahu was transferred from the United States
3 government to the State of Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, in 1995, the Legislature appropriated funds for
6 the Leeward Bikeway; and
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8 WHEREAS, in the 2006 General Election, seventy-two per cent
9 of Oahu residents voted to amend the Revised Charter of Honolulu
10 to make Oahu more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly; and
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12 WHEREAS, community advocates have spent considerable time
13 pursuing the completion of the multi-use path that links the
14 Pearl Harbor Historic Trail to Nanakuli; and
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16 WHEREAS, the multi-use path will give Leeward Oahu
17 residents another transportation option to work and school; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has \$9,000,000
20 programmed in 2016 for construction of Phase I of the project;
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23 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic
24 Preservation Act, as codified in 54 United States Code 306108,
25 before the United States Federal Highway Administration may
26 expend funds to assist the State with the Leeward Bikeway
27 project, the Federal Highway Administration is required to take
28 into account the effect of the undertaking on historic property;
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1 WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has delegated
 2 its responsibility to coordinate with consulting parties
 3 regarding compliance with section 106 of the National Historic
 4 Preservation Act to the Department of Transportation; and

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 6 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and the Federal
 7 Highway Administration are willing to cooperate and coordinate
 8 with all relevant parties to complete the section 106 process so
 9 that construction of the Leeward Bikeway may commence; and

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 11 WHEREAS, the provision of viable transportation
 12 alternatives for Leeward Oahu residents is encouraged; now,
 13 therefore,

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 15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 16 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 17 Session of 2016, that the Department of Transportation is
 18 requested to begin construction of the Leeward Bikeway in 2016;
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 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
 22 Transportation is requested to report to the Legislature on the
 23 progress of construction no later than twenty days before the
 24 convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and

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 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 27 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and
 28 the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.

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