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## HOUSE 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, that the Department of Transportation is  
 4 requested to secure funding to reinstate the water taxi service  
 5 from Iroquois Point in Ewa Beach to a landing across the Pearl  
 6 Harbor channel for the benefit of Ewa commuters and the  
 7 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 Resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of  
 23 Transportation, the Joint Base Commander of Joint Base Pearl  
 24 Harbor-Hickam, the Governor, Adjutant General, Director of  
 25 Transportation, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and  
 26 the Council Chair of the Honolulu City Council.  
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