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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CREATE A TRAFFIC MITIGATION PLAN 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 for many residents of Oahu, especially for working  
6 professionals and students commuting from outside the  
7 metropolitan Honolulu area; and  
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9 WHEREAS, traffic congestion in Honolulu is consistently  
10 ranked as one of the worst in the nation, ranking second in a  
11 report by INRIX, a traffic information and driver services  
12 company; and  
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14 WHEREAS, according to TomTom's traffic index, the average  
15 commute time in Honolulu is approximately thirty minutes, and a  
16 commuter will experience around seventy-six hours of delays per  
17 year; and  
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19 WHEREAS, increased traffic in Hawaii contributes to a  
20 surprising rate of around 10,000 serious traffic accidents a  
21 year, resulting in between one hundred-twenty and one hundred-  
22 fifty fatalities and 8,000 to 12,000 individuals being seriously  
23 injured; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the problems with traffic in Honolulu are  
26 particularly pronounced in weekday commutes between metropolitan  
27 Honolulu and the Ewa area of Oahu; and



1 WHEREAS, this problem may worsen with the growth of Kapolei  
2 and the Ewa region, particularly with recent economic forecasts  
3 predicting job growth in the Ewa market of more than 67,000 new  
4 jobs over the next decade and a half; and  
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6 WHEREAS, although residential development and job growth  
7 occur at a rapid pace, decreasing the need for some residents to  
8 commute to downtown Honolulu, the Ewa Development Plan of 2011  
9 acknowledges that commuting to downtown Honolulu from the Ewa  
10 region remains a problem. The average commute time is at least  
11 seventy-five minutes, with twenty per cent of commuters spending  
12 almost ninety minutes commuting to downtown Honolulu on a  
13 regular basis, and commuters have stated that it takes an  
14 average of twenty to twenty-five minutes just to get out of Ewa  
15 Beach; and  
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17 WHEREAS, common experience for both working professionals  
18 and students commuting from the Ewa region demonstrates that  
19 congested conditions exist due to traffic funneling onto major  
20 arterials with insufficient capacity stemming from the Ewa  
21 marina up Fort Weaver Road to the H-1 interchange, and from the  
22 H-1 interchange to downtown Honolulu; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the poor commuting experience from the Ewa region  
25 is exacerbated by increased traffic congestion resulting from  
26 roadway closures and groundwork during the construction of the  
27 high-capacity rapid transit system; now, therefore,  
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
30 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
31 Session of 2016, that the Department of Transportation, in  
32 partnership with the Department of Accounting and General  
33 Services and the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at  
34 the University of Hawai'i, is requested to establish a traffic  
35 mitigation plan for the Ewa region of Oahu; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation, the  
 3 State Comptroller, and the President of the University of  
 4 Hawai'i.  
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