
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSIDER EXTENDING
THE ZIPPERLANE TO KAPOLEI AND OPENING A SHOULDER LANE FROM
KAPOLEI TO WAIPAHAU AS TRAFFIC MITIGATION MEASURES FOR WEST
OAHU COMMUTERS.

1 WHEREAS, traffic congestion is a critical problem faced by
2 cities around the country and throughout the world; and
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4 WHEREAS, numerous challenges created by traffic congestion,
5 including daily delays resulting in the inability to plan
6 events, increased stress and road rage incidents, increased risk
7 of traffic accidents and crashes, and excessive consumption of
8 fossil fuels, impact Hawaii's environment and negatively impact
9 the quality of life for many individuals; and
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11 WHEREAS, traffic congestion in Honolulu has been
12 consistently ranked as one of the worst in the nation; and
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14 WHEREAS, according to TomTom's traffic index, the average
15 commute time in Honolulu is around 30 minutes, with a commuter
16 experiencing roughly 76 hours of delays per year; and
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18 WHEREAS, increased traffic in Hawaii has contributed to a
19 surprising rate of approximately 10,000 serious traffic
20 accidents a year resulting in between 120 and 150 fatalities and
21 between 8,000 and 12,000 serious injuries; and
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23 WHEREAS, the problems with traffic congestion on Oahu are
24 particularly pronounced in the weekday commute between
25 Honolulu's urban core and the Ewa area of Oahu; and
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27 WHEREAS, the population of residents in the Ewa area and
28 west side of Oahu continues to increase due, in part, to the
29 pursuit of affordable housing; and



1 WHEREAS, traffic congestion is expected to worsen as a
2 result of the population increase, thereby adding even more
3 stress to commuters and increased demand to an already strained
4 infrastructure system in the region; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
8 Session of 2016, that the Department of Transportation is urged
9 to consider, as traffic mitigation measures for West Oahu
10 commuters:
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- 12 (1) Extending the Zipperlane on the H-1 Freeway eastbound
13 to Kapolei in the vicinity of Kualakai Parkway and the
14 Makakilo on-ramp at Exit 1B during the morning commute
15 hours between 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; and
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- 17 (2) Opening a shoulder lane on the H-1 Freeway from
18 Kapolei to Waipahu; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
21 Resolution be transmitted to Director of Transportation.
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