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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO WIDEN FARRINGTON HIGHWAY BETWEEN FORT WEAVER ROAD AND KAPOLEI GOLF COURSE TO MAKE WAY FOR EAST KAPOLEI HIGH SCHOOL.

WHEREAS, the Kapolei region is the fastest growing region 1 in the State, with a resident population that is expected to 2 grow from more than 112,000 in 2015 to nearly 170,000 by 2035; 3 and 4 5 WHEREAS, to support this growing population and relieve 6 7 overcrowding in the area's schools, the Legislature in 2014 appropriated \$5,000,000 for the Department of Education to plan 8 and design a new East Kapolei High School; and 9 10 WHEREAS, East Kapolei High School is designed to relieve 11 overcrowding at other West Oahu schools, including Campbell High 12 School, which currently has an enrollment in excess of three 13 thousand students; and 14 15 WHEREAS, the three-mile stretch of Farrington Highway 16 between Fort Weaver Road and Kapolei Golf Course Road is 17 currently only a two-lane road, with one lane of traffic going 18 in each direction; and 19 20 WHEREAS, the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization 21 (OahuMPO) has included in its mid-range project listing Project 22 No. 205, which proposes to widen Farrington Highway from Golf 23 Course Road to just west of Fort Weaver Road; and 24 25 WHEREAS, this portion of Farrington Highway provides access 26 to the sites where the future East Kapolei High School will 27 28 likely be built; and 29



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WHEREAS, this narrow, two-lane road does not have the 1 capacity to support the traffic associated with a major regional 2 high school with enrollment in the thousands; and 3 4 WHEREAS, it is imperative that the transportation 5 infrastructure on Farrington Highway around the future East 6 7 Kapolei High School be adequately improved prior to the construction of the school itself to prevent unnecessary future 8 9 traffic congestion; now, therefore, 10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 11 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 12 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the City and County of 13 Honolulu is requested to widen Farrington Highway between Fort 14 Weaver Road and Kapolei Golf Course Road to ensure the highway 15 is able to accommodate the traffic volume associated with the 16 future East Kapolei High School; and 17 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City 20 and County of Honolulu, Chairperson of the Honolulu City 21 Council, and Director of the Department of Transportation 22 Services of the City and County of Honolulu. 23 24 25 26 OFFERED BY:

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