
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE OAHU METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO EXPEDITE
THE FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE REALIGNMENT OF FARRINGTON
HIGHWAY.

1 WHEREAS, Farrington Highway is not only the major roadway
2 on Oahu's leeward coast, it is also the sole access route that
3 links the Waianae district to the rest of Oahu, including
4 metropolitan Honolulu; and
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6 WHEREAS, along Farrington Highway lies Makaha Beach Park,
7 which is a well-known location that provides residents and
8 tourists with an area for swimming, bodyboarding, and surfing;
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11 WHEREAS, according to the 1997 Makaha Beach Park master
12 plan final environmental assessment, Farrington Highway's
13 shoulder was destroyed and repaired in 1983 after strong waves
14 eroded a 200-foot by 500-foot-wide area of the park; and
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16 WHEREAS, beach erosion at Makaha Beach Park and safety
17 concerns for pedestrians who have to cross Farrington Highway to
18 get to the parking lot and bathrooms continue to be problems
19 that residents of Makaha and others have faced over the years;
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22 WHEREAS, state and city officials had requested the United
23 States Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a study, which was
24 completed in 1985 and determined that Farrington Highway should
25 be realigned to protect it from further wave damage; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Farrington Highway realignment project was
28 included in the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization's (OMPO)
29 Oahu Regional Transportation Plan for 2035, but the project is



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1 no longer included in its draft plan for 2040 due to the
2 feasibility study being initiated and funded through OMPO; and
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4 WHEREAS, OMPO has recently solicited proposals for a
5 feasibility study to evaluate the social, environmental,
6 technical, and economic impacts, costs, and benefits of
7 realigning Farrington Highway mauka of Makaha Beach Park; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is crucial to begin
10 the planning process to move Farrington Highway more inland or
11 mauka of Makaha Beach Park to address safety concerns and to
12 preserve and protect Makaha Beach Park; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
16 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Oahu Metropolitan
17 Planning Organization is urged to expedite its feasibility study
18 on the realignment of Farrington Highway; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Interim Executive
22 Director of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization.
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OFFERED BY: _____



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