
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEVELOP THE
DESIGN AND PLANS FOR SECONDARY ACCESS ROADS FOR 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 Ewa and points east, including
4 metropolitan Honolulu; and
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6 WHEREAS, although West Oahu has experienced exponential
7 growth and development over the last 20 years, transportation
8 infrastructure has not kept pace, with traffic volume on
9 Farrington Highway increasing from an average of 20,000 vehicles
10 per day in 2000 to 50,000 vehicles per day in 2016; and
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12 WHEREAS, although planned rail and other public
13 transportation expansions, such as more robust bus service, may
14 alleviate some traffic congestion once they are fully
15 implemented, a solution that depends on solely public
16 transportation is both too far in the future and inadequate; and
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18 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu's Department of
19 Transportation Services published a concept study for a
20 secondary access highway for the Leeward Coast in 2001, but no
21 action has been taken to realize this project; and
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23 WHEREAS, the residents of the Waianae district bear the
24 largest burden of the current infrastructural insufficiency
25 since they must contend with daily commutes of up to two hours
26 each way for jobs or school, both of which are concentrated on
27 the island's opposite eastern coast; and



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1 WHEREAS, during peak morning and afternoon commute hours,
2 the eight-mile segment of Farrington Highway between Makaha and
3 Nanakuli cannot be traveled in less than 45 minutes; and
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5 WHEREAS, additionally, the lack of any alternate route
6 leaves Leeward residents more vulnerable to harm in an emergency
7 situation, as there is currently no available route that can be
8 used as an alternative to Farrington Highway during times when
9 Farrington Highway is impassable; and
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11 WHEREAS, coastal residents are at the mercy of traffic
12 conditions for travel both within and out of the Waianae
13 district and may be unable to reach emergency services or to
14 timely evacuate the area if the sole available route both
15 through and out of the district is impassable due to storm
16 damage, severe vehicular accidents, or even daily rush hour; and
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18 WHEREAS, any project to alleviate traffic congestion on
19 Oahu's west side must first avoid exacerbating the problem
20 through ongoing lane closures or other disruptions caused by
21 construction; and
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23 WHEREAS, it is critical that any project to supply
24 alternate transportation corridors must minimize or, ideally,
25 altogether avoid creating additional transportation barriers for
26 residents of West Oahu; now, therefore,
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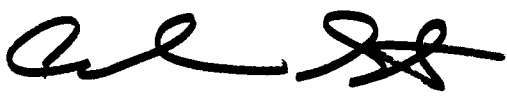
28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2017, that the Department of Transportation is requested to
31 develop the design and plans for secondary access roads to serve
32 as alternative routes to Farrington Highway for travel within,
33 into, and out of the Waianae district of Oahu; and
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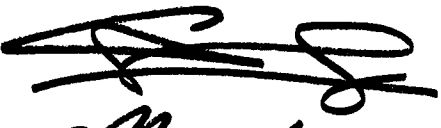
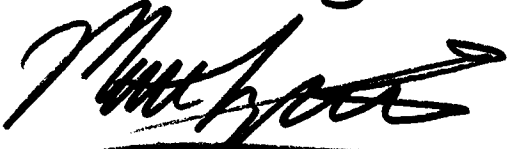
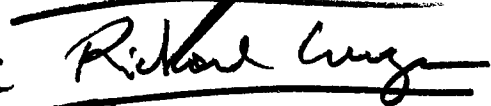
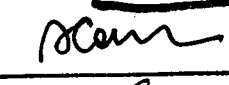
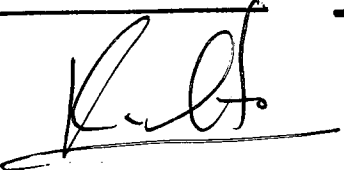
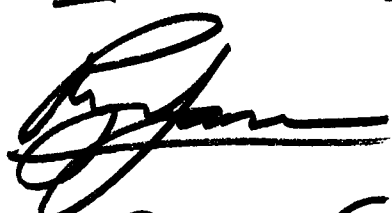

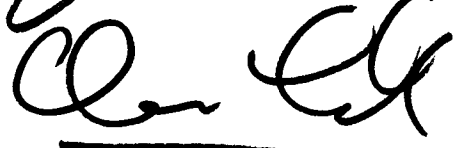

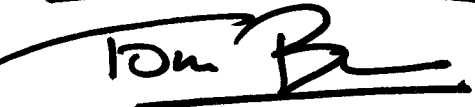

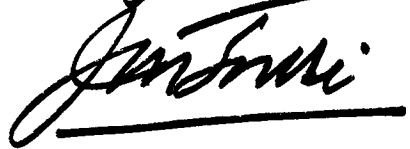
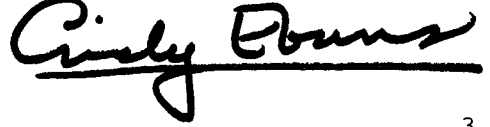
35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plans include route maps,
36 timelines for implementation, measures to avoid or mitigate
37 disruption of access to currently available routes, an artist's
38 rendition of what the three conceptual routes may look like
39 after construction, and any other information the Department of
40 Transportation deems necessary; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
 2 Transportation submit its findings and recommendations,
 3 including any proposed Legislation, to the Legislature no later
 4 than 20 days before the convening of the Regular Session of
 5 2018; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 8 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.
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