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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT A
ROUNDBOUT AT THE INTERSECTION OF KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY AND
KAHEKILI HIGHWAY IN KAHALU'U ON THE ISLAND OF OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, residents of the windward side of Oahu stretching
2 from Kane'ohē to Kahalu'u and even to La'ie have complained for
3 years about the rush-hour traffic congestion on Kahekili
4 Highway; and

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6 WHEREAS, the traffic congestion poses a risk for increased
7 accidents, degrades the citizens' quality of life, and causes
8 motorists to lose valuable time in their commute to and from
9 work; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has jurisdiction
12 over State highways such as Kahekili Highway and Kamehameha
13 Highway; and

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15 WHEREAS, studies have found that a type of intersection
16 known as a roundabout can increase traffic safety, increase
17 traffic capacity of a roadway, and decrease commute times; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Department previously intended to install a
20 roundabout at the intersection of Kamehameha Highway and
21 Kahekili Highway in Kahalu'u on the island of Oahu, but had
22 instead decided to implement an alternative proposal, which has
23 since been continuously delayed; and

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25 WHEREAS, in its current state, the intersection of
26 Kamehameha Highway and Kahekili Highway in Kahalu'u on the island
27 of Oahu poses a danger to both drivers and pedestrians; and

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29 WHEREAS, the rush-hour traffic congestion problem at the
30 intersection of Kamehameha Highway and Kahekili Highway in
31 Kahalu'u on the island of Oahu needs to be remedied to shorten



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1 commute times, allow residents a better quality of life, and
2 address community safety concerns; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017,
6 that the Department of Transportation is requested to construct
7 a roundabout at the intersection of Kamehameha Highway and
8 Kahekili Highway in Kahalu'u on the island of Oahu; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.
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