
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO FUND OR PERFORM A STUDY ON ALL POSSIBLE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS TO REDUCE TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND IN THE OTHER COUNTIES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, traffic congestion in Honolulu consistently ranks
2 as one of the worst in the nation; and

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4 WHEREAS, Honolulu ranks as the eighth most congested city
5 in the United States and the eighty-ninth most congested city in
6 the world; and

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8 WHEREAS, Honolulu has a twenty-nine percent congestion
9 level, which is very similar to the cities of Portland, Oregon,
10 and Miami, Florida; and

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12 WHEREAS, a twenty-nine mile drive from West Oahu to
13 downtown Honolulu takes approximately forty-five minutes without
14 heavy traffic congestion; and

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16 WHEREAS, that same drive amid heavy traffic congestion
17 takes an additional hour or more; and

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19 WHEREAS, traffic congestion can not only negatively impact
20 the quality of life for residents, workers, and tourists, but it
21 also produces a substantial economic drain, inhibiting the
22 economic potential of an area; and

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24 WHEREAS, according to the 2018 Inrix Global Traffic
25 scorecard, the total number of hours lost in Honolulu traffic
26 congestion during peak commute periods compared to free-flow
27 conditions is ninety-two hours and the cost of the congestion is
28 estimated to be \$1,282 per driver; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
3 2019, that the Department of Transportation is requested to seek
4 assistance from the federal government to fund or perform a
5 study on all possible transportation options to reduce traffic
6 congestion within the City and County of Honolulu and in the
7 other counties, including exploring the feasibility of freeway
8 improvements, above-ground roads, and underground roads; 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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OFFERED BY: _____

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