
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF
TRAFFIC FLOW CHANGES AND CONSIDER THE PLACEMENT OF UTILITY
POLES PRIOR TO APPROVING ANY DEVELOPMENT.

1 WHEREAS, various counties provide notice of development in
2 neighborhoods but do not necessarily provide notice of changes
3 in traffic flow patterns; and
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5 WHEREAS, in the past five years, the City and County of
6 Honolulu allowed construction of a fourteen-story student
7 housing building on the corner of University Avenue and King
8 Street; the site used to house a three-story walk-up commercial
9 area called University Square into which traffic flowed through
10 driveways from University Avenue and King Street, not to and
11 from the adjacent side street; and
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13 WHEREAS, notice of the pending construction of the
14 fourteen-story student housing development was provided by
15 advertisement; however, residents in the area were not aware
16 that the entire traffic to and from the driveway of the
17 fourteen-story student housing development would be funneled
18 onto a narrow, privately-owned street adjacent to Kokua Market
19 onto which traffic from the site never flowed into before; and
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21 WHEREAS, when the City and County of Honolulu approved the
22 change in traffic pattern and the addition of traffic from the
23 original flow from University Avenue and King Street onto the
24 narrow no sidewalk side street, it increased the danger to
25 pedestrians who use the side street by not requiring utility
26 poles to be moved to the side of the new student housing
27 building; and
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29 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu had notice of the
30 frequent use by pedestrians who used the side street before



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1 approving the funneled traffic because it constructed a
 2 crosswalk and a traffic light across King Street adjacent to the
 3 side street; and
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5 WHEREAS, concerns have been raised that certain aspects of
 6 the counties' permit approval and planning process may not
 7 sufficiently address traffic flow and pedestrian safety issues;
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10 WHEREAS, to ensure pedestrian safety and minimize
 11 disruption to traffic flow, it is important to consider the
 12 location of existing utility poles as part of each county's
 13 planning and permitting process; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 16 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 17 2020, the Senate concurring, that the county planning
 18 departments are urged to provide notice of traffic flow changes
 19 and consider the placement of utility poles prior to approving
 20 any development; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of each of the
 24 counties; Chairpersons of the Honolulu City Council, Maui County
 25 Council, Kauai County Council, and Hawaii County Council; and
 26 Director of the applicable county planning and permit department
 27 of each of the counties.
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