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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, FEDERAL ENTITIES, AND PRIVATE LAND OWNERS TO WORK TOGETHER TO IMMEDIATELY OPEN THE SECTION OF THE WAIANAE COAST EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD EXTENDING PAAKEA ROAD OUT TO LUALUALEI NAVAL ROAD FOR PUBLIC USE ON A PERMANENT BASIS.

1           WHEREAS, Farrington Highway is the main route of travel for  
2 communities of the Leeward Coast of Oahu and is the only public  
3 highway that leads into and out of the region; and  
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5           WHEREAS, on a daily basis, frustrated Leeward motorists are  
6 caught in gridlock traffic conditions; and  
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8           WHEREAS, Farrington Highway has experienced lane closures  
9 or complete shutdowns on numerous occasions due to traffic  
10 accidents, severe weather, and construction work; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the system of roads known as the Waianae Coast  
13 Emergency Access Road consists of gated roads that are under the  
14 jurisdiction of the Department of Emergency Management of the  
15 City and County of Honolulu and can be opened when deemed  
16 necessary or when requested by the Honolulu Police Department;  
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19           WHEREAS, in 2017, the Legislature of the State of Hawaii  
20 adopted House Resolution No. 197 (2017), urging the Department  
21 of Transportation to work in conjunction with the Departments of  
22 Emergency Management and Transportation Services of the City and  
23 County of Honolulu and Honolulu Police Department to analyze and  
24 assess the possibility of using the Waianae Coast Emergency  
25 Access Road on a more permanent basis; and  
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27           WHEREAS, in 2020, then Governor David Ige released  
28 \$4,000,000 that had been allocated by area legislators to begin  
29 work on opening the locked gates on Paakea Road in order to  
30 create a parallel route; and  
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32           WHEREAS, there is a critical need for an alternate route to  
33 alleviate traffic and improve public safety; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, that the State of Hawaii, City and County of Honolulu, federal entities, and private land owners are urged to work together to immediately open the section of the Waianae Coast Emergency Access Road extending Paakea Road out to Lualualei Naval Road to be used as a parallel route for the Waianae Coast on a permanent basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Division Administrator of the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration - Hawaii Division, Commander of Navy Region Hawaii, Governor, Director of Transportation, Director of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu, Director of Emergency Management of the City and County of Honolulu, Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police Department, and President of Pineridge Farms, Inc.

OFFERED BY: 

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