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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO IMPROVE AND WIDEN
THE KEAAU BEACH PARK PARKING LOT TO MAKE IT SUITABLE TO
SERVE AS A TURNAROUND POINT FOR PUBLIC BUS TRANSPORTATION.

1 WHEREAS, Makau Street is located in a residentially zoned
2 neighborhood in Waianae, Oahu, situated between the world famous
3 Makaha Beach Park to the south and Keaaau Beach Park to the
4 north; and

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6 WHEREAS, due to the Makau Street neighborhood's idyllic and
7 rural location, there are two public bus routes that service the
8 area, known as TheBus's "Route C CountryExpress!" and "Route 93
9 Waianae Coast Express", by going past Kili Drive, exiting off of
10 Farrington Highway and onto Lawaia Street, and thereafter using
11 Makau Street to turn back eastbound on Farrington Highway; and

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13 WHEREAS, Makau Street is a relatively narrow, unmarked two-
14 way street encompassed by curbside parking on both sides, which
15 can require pedestrians to enter the street to bypass parked
16 cars; and

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18 WHEREAS, many beachgoers and children use Makau Street to
19 access the popular Makaha Beach Park, and residents have
20 complained of speeding buses, which cause near accidents; and

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22 WHEREAS, Makau Street has also been beleaguered recently by
23 approximately thirteen water main breaks, and many residents
24 have observed that the breaks have been repeatedly occurring
25 near the corner where the heavy Route C double-buses exact
26 pressure as they go around the southwest corner and accelerate
27 to go up the hill; and

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29 WHEREAS, while the Honolulu Board of Water Supply has
30 attested that the traffic loading from a public bus should not
31 have any adverse impacts to the existing water mains based on
32 the current depths of their installation, and according to
33 information provided, twelve of the thirteen incidents were due
34 to unknown causes or had "no cause recorded", despite the fair
35 to good conditions of each of the pipes; and



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WHEREAS, the Honolulu Board of Water Supply has no current plans to replace the pipe at Makau Street as they have reprioritized their budget to focus on pipeline replacement projects for the Aiea and Halawa areas following the contamination crisis at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility; and

WHEREAS, rerouting the turnaround point for the Route C and Route 93 to the Keeau Beach Park parking lot could serve as a more functional, safe, and appropriate location by using open space public lands as opposed to a narrow road used for beach access by pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, in its current form, the Keeau Beach Park parking lot is too narrow to accommodate the Route C and Route 93 as a turnaround point; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, that the City and County of Honolulu is requested to improve and widen the Keaau Beach Park parking lot to make it suitable to serve as a turnaround point for public bus transportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation; Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; Director of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu; Director of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu; and President and General Manager of Oahu Transit Services, Inc.

OFFERED BY:  _____