
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Kolekole pass on the
2 westside of Oahu is currently in disrepair and not equipped for
3 traffic. The pass is operated through an agreement with the
4 United States military and access is limited to use by emergency
5 vehicles or as a civilian evacuation route. The westside of
6 Oahu has limited access roads and would greatly benefit from
7 alternate routes of travel, like Kolekole pass.

8 The legislature further finds that the system of roads
9 known as the Waianae Coast emergency access road consists of
10 gated roads that are under the jurisdiction of the department of
11 emergency management of the city and county of Honolulu and can
12 be opened when deemed necessary or when requested by the
13 Honolulu police department.

14 The purpose of this Act is to develop alternate routes on
15 the westside of Oahu to alleviate traffic and improve public
16 safety by establishing a task force in the department of
17 transportation to repair, maintain, and reconstruct Kolekole



1 pass for two-way traffic and open the Waianae Coast emergency
2 access road for public use.

3 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department
4 of transportation for administrative purposes a Waianae
5 transportation task force. The task force shall:

6 (1) Partner with the state department of defense to
7 repair, maintain, and reconstruct Kolekole pass for
8 two-way traffic;

9 (2) Partner with the city and county of Honolulu to
10 permanently open the Waianae Coast emergency access
11 road for public use; and

12 (3) Explore further options to identify alternative routes
13 into and out of the Waianae Coast.

14 (b) The task force shall seek to establish agreements
15 with:

16 (1) The United States military to allow for the repair,
17 maintenance, and expansion of Kolekole pass for two-
18 way traffic; and

19 (2) The city and county of Honolulu and private landowners
20 for the use of Waianae Coast emergency access road.



1 (c) The task force shall be chaired by the director of
2 transportation, who shall invite members of the United States
3 military and representatives from the department of emergency
4 management of the city and county of Honolulu to participate in
5 the task force.

6 (d) Members of the task force shall serve without
7 compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses
8 incurred, including travel expenses. No member of the task
9 force shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised
10 Statutes, solely because of that member's participation as a
11 member of the task force.

12 (e) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
13 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
14 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
15 the regular session of 2025.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

DOT; Task Force; Kolekole Pass; Waianae Coast Emergency Access Road

Description:

Establishes a task force to develop and explore alternate routes into and out of the Waianae Coast, including through Kolekole pass and opening Waianae Coast emergency access road.

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