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# 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.

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

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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