

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1878

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 15 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 121
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety and Military Affairs and Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 121 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, UNITED STATES ARMY, UNITED STATES NAVY, AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK WITH APPROPRIATE STATE AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO EXPAND, PLAN, AND COORDINATE WORK RELATED TO USING KOLEKOLE PASS AS AN EXPANDED EMERGENCY EXIT ROUTE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the United States Department of Defense, United States Army, United States Navy, and State Department of Transportation to work with appropriate state and county departments and agencies to expand, plan, and coordinate work related to using Kolekole Pass as an expanded emergency exit route.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Hawaii Military Affairs Council, and five individuals.

Your Committees find that Kolekole Pass in the Waianae mountain range, which has historically been used for military operations, forms a corridor that could potentially serve as an evacuation route for neighboring civilian communities in the event



of dangerous gridlocks, natural disasters, or unforeseen catastrophic emergencies. Relevant Oahu-based military agencies and state and county level emergency management agencies currently have a memorandum of understanding in place that establishes procedures for emergency vehicle access only through Kolekole Pass during extraordinary emergency circumstances with the discretion of commanders. However, the pass is not currently open to the public in the event of an emergency evacuation. Accordingly, this measure requests federal defense agencies and the Hawaii State Department of Transportation to cooperate with appropriate state and county entities to prepare and secure Kolekole Pass as an expanded emergency exit route for residents of the west side of Oahu.

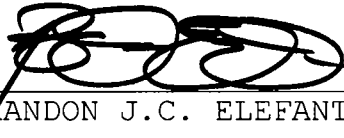
Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety and Military Affairs and Transportation and Culture and the Arts that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 121, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 121, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Public Safety and
Military Affairs and
Transportation and Culture and
the Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



BRANDON J.C. ELEFANTE, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 121	Committee Referral: PSM/TCA	Date: 4-11-25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____				
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