

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27

, 2025

RE: H.R. No. 117

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committees on Transportation and Public Safety, to which
was referred H.R. No. 117 entitled:

"HOUSE 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 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 Military and Community Relations Office; Hawaii Military
Affairs Council; and two individuals.

Your Committees find that Kolekole Pass has historically
served as a vital transportation corridor through the Waianae
mountain range and has the potential to provide a crucial
emergency evacuation route for residents of the Leeward Coast.
Your Committees further find that with Farrington Highway as the

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primary roadway for thousands of residents, limited access leaves communities vulnerable to gridlock during natural disasters and other emergencies. This measure will enhance public safety and disaster preparedness for West Oahu by encouraging collaboration between pertinent federal, state, and county agencies.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Public Safety that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 117 and recommend that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Transportation
and Public Safety,


DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair


DARIUS KILA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HR 117		Committee Referral: TRN/PBS, FIN		Date: 3/25/25	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
TRN Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KILA, Darius K. (C)		✓			
2. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada (VC)		✓			
3. COCHRAN, Elle					✓
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.					✓
5. KITAGAWA, Lisa		✓			
6. LA CHICA, Trish					✓
7. MIYAKE, Tyson K.		✓			
8. MURAOKA, Christopher L.		✓			
9. PIERICK, Elijah					—
TOTAL (9)		5			4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____					
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