

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1618

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 , 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 121

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.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 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.C.R. No. 121 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.: HCR 121		Committee Referral: TRN/PBS, FIN		Date: 3/25/2025	
<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)					
PBS Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)		✓			
2. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco (VC)		✓			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.		✓			
4. ICHiyAMA, Linda		✓			
5. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.					✓
6. MORIKAWA, Dee		✓			
7. POEPOE, Mahina		✓			
8. WOODSON, Justin H.					✓
9. SHIMIZU, Garner M.		✓			
10. SOUZA, Kanani				✓	
TOTAL (10)		7	0	1	2
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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