
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A DIRECT ACCESS ON-RAMP FROM
THE KANEOHE-BOUND LANES OF THE LIKELIKE HIGHWAY ONTO THE
WINDWARD-BOUND LANES OF THE INTERSTATE H-3 FREEWAY TO
KAILUA IN ORDER TO FACILITATE TRAVEL AND REDUCE TRAFFIC
CONGESTION IN KANEOHE TOWN.

1 WHEREAS, the Interstate H-3 Freeway is a sixteen-mile
2 highway that runs from Halawa in the Aiea area of Oahu to the
3 Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Hawaii on windward Oahu; and
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5 WHEREAS, since December 12, 1997 when it was first opened,
6 the Interstate H-3 Freeway has provided residents an alternate,
7 direct trans-Koolau route other than the Likelike Highway; and
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9 WHEREAS, motorists traveling to the windward side of Oahu
10 on the Interstate H-3 Freeway are able to continue onward to
11 Kaneohe by exiting the Freeway onto the Likelike Highway or to
12 continue onward to the Kaneohe Marine Corps Base or Kailua
13 directly on the Freeway, via the Kailua exit, or by exiting the
14 Freeway onto Kamehameha Highway; and
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16 WHEREAS, however, motorists traveling to the windward side
17 of Oahu on the Likelike Highway are routed towards Kaneohe only,
18 or north onto the Kahekili Highway, but are unable to head
19 towards Kailua without going through Kaneohe town itself, thus
20 causing major congestion; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Interstate H-3 Freeway and the Likelike
23 Highway are in close proximity to each other in the vicinity of
24 the approach to Kaneohe and there already exists an
25 interconnection between the two highways, but only town-bound on
26 the Likelike Highway and Kaneohe-bound on the Interstate H-3
27 Freeway; and
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1 WHEREAS, it may be possible to eliminate or mitigate the
2 congestion in Kaneohe town by routing motorists windward-bound
3 on the Likelike Highway onto the windward-bound Interstate H-3
4 Freeway to continue directly onward to Kailua by creating a
5 direct access on-ramp from the former onto the latter highway;
6 now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
10 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
11 Transportation is requested to study the feasibility of
12 constructing a direct access on-ramp from the Kaneohe-bound
13 lanes of the Likelike Highway onto the windward-bound lanes of
14 the Interstate H-3 Freeway to Kailua in order to facilitate
15 travel and reduce traffic congestion in Kaneohe town; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
18 Transportation is requested to report in its study the
19 following:
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- 21 (1) Whether such a direct access on-ramp can be used
22 safely by motorists;
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- 24 (2) If so, the estimated total cost of planning, design,
25 and construction of the project;
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- 27 (3) The timetable of the project with an estimated ending
28 date for the opening of the on-ramp to traffic;
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- 30 (4) Estimated increase in congestion and travel times
31 during construction; and
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- 33 (5) Estimated decrease in congestion and travel times
34 after construction; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
37 Transportation is requested to submit its report to the
38 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
39 the Regular Session of 2008; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
3 Transportation.
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