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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND  
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A JOINT HEARING WITH  
THE PARTICIPATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND  
THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING OF THE CITY AND  
COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CONSIDER THE LIKELY IMPACTS ON  
TRAFFIC BY THE PROPOSED TURTLE BAY RESORT EXPANSION AND  
MITIGATIVE MEASURES THAT MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE EXPANSION.

1 WHEREAS, the state Department of Transportation's mission  
2 is to provide a safe, efficient, accessible, and inter-modal  
3 transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and  
4 goods and enhances and preserves economic prosperity and the  
5 quality of life; and

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7 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Highway, the only regional roadway on  
8 the north shore of Oahu, is a narrow, two-lane roadway that has  
9 seen tremendous traffic volume increases in recent years; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan for the year  
12 2030 includes no significant capacity improvements for this  
13 highway within the next 23 years; and

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15 WHEREAS, a traffic study completed in 2005 for the proposed  
16 Kawaiiloa Beach Park estimated a volume of 1,600 vehicles per  
17 hour on Saturday afternoons, a time when traffic usually backs  
18 up for miles in both directions; and

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20 WHEREAS, Kuilima Resort Company's "2005 Traffic Impact  
21 Analysis Report" update estimates the expanded Turtle Bay Resort  
22 will generate up to 2,054 additional vehicle trips per hour; and

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24 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Highway cannot support the projected  
25 increase in vehicular traffic without improvements to provide  
26 additional capacity; and



1 WHEREAS, design, construction, maintenance, and upgrades to  
2 the state highway system are the responsibility of the State of  
3 Hawaii; and  
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5 WHEREAS, emergency vehicles have greater difficulty  
6 navigating gridlocked traffic, which could cause significant  
7 delays in emergency response and pose serious safety concerns to  
8 the residents and visitors of the State of Hawaii; now,  
9 therefore,  
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
12 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
13 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Senate  
14 Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the  
15 House of Representatives Committee on Transportation are  
16 requested to convene a joint hearing to consider the likely  
17 traffic impacts of the proposed Turtle Bay Resort expansion and  
18 mitigation measures that might be needed as a result of the  
19 proposed expansion; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Transportation  
22 for the State of Hawaii and the Director of the Department of  
23 Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu are  
24 requested to participate in the joint hearing; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the impacts of the proposed  
27 expansion are estimated to bring the highway levels of service  
28 and volume-to-capacity ratio outside of national and state  
29 highway guidelines:  
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31 (1) The Director of Transportation is requested to suggest  
32 potential mitigation measures and broad estimates of  
33 the costs and timelines involved to implement the  
34 mitigation measures; and  
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36 (2) The Director of the Department of Planning and  
37 Permitting is requested to explain what measures, such  
38 as project phasing related to highway capacity  
39 expansion, may be required of the developer;  
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and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
3 Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairs of the  
4 Senate Committees on Transportation and International Affairs  
5 and the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation,  
6 the Governor, Director of Transportation, Mayor of the City and  
7 County of Honolulu, Chair of the Honolulu City Council, and the  
8 Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting of the  
9 City and County of Honolulu.

