
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO OPEN AND RECONFIGURE THE EASTBOUND SHOULDER LANES FROM MAKAKILO DRIVE TO THE WAIPAHAU OFF-RAMP ON THE H-1 FREEWAY DURING THE MORNING RUSH HOURS TO HELP ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

1 WHEREAS, the commute from the Leeward Coast, Ewa Plains,
2 and communities connected to the H-1 freeway into the downtown
3 and Waikiki areas lasts more than 90 minutes during the rush
4 hours; and

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6 WHEREAS, the return commute is just as long, if not longer,
7 during the afternoon rush hours; and

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9 WHEREAS, the State and City and County of Honolulu are
10 exploring and initiating many projects to alleviate the traffic
11 congestion and long commute times on the H-1 freeway, including
12 completion of the North-South road, a proposed fixed
13 rail/guideway system, a Nimitz Highway flyover, and ferry system
14 from the Leeward Coast to downtown Honolulu; and

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16 WHEREAS, each of these ideas have merit, and will help to
17 combat traffic congestion, but all are future solutions; and

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19 WHEREAS, the eastbound and westbound shoulder lanes from
20 Makakilo Drive to the Kunia Interchange at the eastbound off-
21 ramp on the H-1 freeway appear to be wide enough to accommodate
22 another lane of traffic; and

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24 WHEREAS, while shoulder lanes are necessary for traffic
25 safety, traffic congestion is a daily occurrence; and

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27 WHEREAS, the use of these shoulder lanes to accommodate
28 traffic during rush hours may be an immediate and inexpensive
29 solution to help reduce commute times, which if such times are
30 reduced, no matter how little the reduction may be, will help
31 the quality of life for residents of the Leeward Coast, Ewa
32 Plains, and communities served by the H-1 freeway; now,
33 therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
3 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
4 Session of 2007, that the Department Of Transportation is
5 requested to open and reconfigure the eastbound shoulder lanes
6 from Makakilo Drive to the Waipahu off-ramp on the H-1 freeway
7 during the morning rush hours to help alleviate traffic
8 congestion; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and
12 the Governor.

