
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY
ON THE FEASIBILITY OF USING LUALUALEI NAVAL ROAD AS AN
EVACUATION ROUTE IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY OR NATURAL
DISASTER ON THE LEEWARD COAST.

1 WHEREAS, the leeward coast of Oahu has suffered many
2 disasters in the past, natural and otherwise; and
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4 WHEREAS, the sole public passage out of the leeward coast
5 area to other parts of Oahu in the event of any disaster
6 requiring the evacuation of the leeward coast is Farrington
7 Highway, which has been closed numerous times in the recent
8 years because of accidents, severe weather, and other emergency
9 conditions; and
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11 WHEREAS, in the event of a disaster requiring the
12 evacuation of the leeward coast during a closure of Farrington
13 Highway, tens of thousands of civilian lives will be placed in
14 harm's way; and
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16 WHEREAS, Lualualei Naval Road, also known as Kolekole Pass
17 Road, is the only passage through the Waianae mountain range at
18 Kolekole Pass, connecting the leeward coast with central Oahu;
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21 WHEREAS, Lualualei Naval Road is presently closed to
22 civilian traffic; and
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24 WHEREAS, opening Lualualei Naval Road to civilian traffic
25 during an emergency or natural disaster would provide an
26 alternative route for evacuating residents of the leeward coast
27 to other areas of Oahu and could save countless lives; now,
28 therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
32 of 2009, that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to
33 conduct a study on the feasibility of using Lualualei Naval Road



1 as an evacuation route in the event of an emergency or natural
2 disaster on the leeward coast; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in its study, the Bureau is
5 requested to:

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- 7 (1) Determine the logistical challenges of opening
8 Lualualei Naval Road to civilian traffic during an
9 emergency or natural disaster;
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11 (2) Review and consider the jurisdictional issues that
12 need to be addressed and resolved to allow the use of
13 Lualualei Naval Road as an emergency evacuation route
14 for civilians;
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16 (3) Determine any conditions that would be necessitated by
17 an agreement between the State, the United States
18 Navy, and the United States Army for the use of
19 Lualualei Naval Road during any emergency, including
20 but not limited to determining what event or
21 declaration would be required to permit use of the
22 road by civilian traffic; and
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24 (4) Consider any other pertinent issues that may be
25 involved in the use of the Lualualei Naval Road as an
26 emergency evacuation route; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
29 Bureau is requested to submit its findings and recommendations
30 including any recommended legislation, to the Legislature, not
31 less than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
32 Session of 2010; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Legislative
36 Reference Bureau, the Commander, United States Pacific Fleet,
37 the Commanding General, United States Army Pacific, and the
38 Commander, United States Pacific Command.

