HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII H.R. NO. 131

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO COMPLETE NECESSARY ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION-RELATED PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION SUMMIT.

WHEREAS, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation will convene 1 its 23rd annual summit in Honolulu, Hawaii from November 12-13, 2 3 2011, less than a year away; and 4 5 WHEREAS, the Summit is one of the world's largest 6 intergovernmental meetings and likely the biggest and most important international event ever held in Hawaii, bringing 7 together leaders from at least 19 nations, including the United 8 9 States, China, Japan, Australia, the Philippines, Mexico, Russia and Korea, and the heads of the World Bank and World Trade 10 Organization, among many others, to discuss trade, investment, 11 and other economic issues integral to the Asia-Pacific region; 12 13 and 14 WHEREAS, the Summit has the potential to establish long-15 term business contacts between Hawaii and Asia-Pacific Economic 16 Cooperation nations and will help define Honolulu as "a truly 17 world-class international center" and a premier destination for 18 19 leisure and business; and 20 WHEREAS, it is projected that the Summit will draw at least 21 22 20,000 people to Honolulu, a welcome boost for the State's 23 struggling economy and tourism industry; and 24 WHEREAS, Hawaii must maximize this once-in-a-lifetime 25 26 opportunity to showcase the State to the rest of the world; and 27 WHEREAS, Hawaii's success in this regard depends 28 significantly on the completion of necessary public works 29

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1 2 3	projects in preparation for the Summit, which projects must be identified and fast-tracked; and
4 5	WHEREAS, this includes, among other things, upgrades to Honolulu International Airport that will include better signs,
6	better flow of passengers through the terminals, and a better
7	overall arrival experience; resurfacing of Kalakaua Avenue and
8	other side streets in Waikiki; city sidewalk improvements; and
9	cosmetic fixes including landscaping and graffiti removal; now,
10 11	therefore,
12	BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
13	Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
14	of 2011, that the City and County of Honolulu is urged to:
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16	(1) Identify public works projects that are a priority;
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18 19	(2) Complete such necessary projects before the
20	commencement of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
21	Summit;
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23	and
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25 26	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of the City and
20 27	County of Honolulu, and Chair of the Asia-Pacific Economic
28	Cooperation Hawaii Host Committee.
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