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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CONDUCT A TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN STUDY OF THE INTERSECTION OF MOKUOLA AND HIKIMOE STREETS IN WAIPAHU.

1 WHEREAS, the mixture of heavy traffic flow and extensive 2 pedestrian use of roadways occurs most frequently at 3 intersections throughout Hawaii; and 4 5 WHEREAS, one such intersection exists in Waipahu on the 6 island of Oahu where Mokuola Street and Hikimoe Street meet, an 7 area that is surrounded by senior care homes, elderly housing 8 complexes, and assisted living facilities; and 9 10 WHEREAS, because of the vast number of assisted living and 11 senior facilities in the area, the intersection of Mokuola and Hikimoe Streets is heavily used by seniors traveling on foot, 12 wheelchair, and electric scooters to access the bus terminal in 13 the area so they can accomplish everyday tasks such as grocery 14 shopping and receiving medical care; and 15 16 17 WHEREAS, this bus terminal is also used by numerous students of all ages, and individuals who use public 18 19 transportation to get to and from work, creating even more pedestrian traffic in the area; and 20 21 22 WHEREAS, the safety of this intersection has been a concern among the residents living in the area as there is currently 23 24 only one crosswalk at the intersection of Mokuola and Hikimoe Streets and street lighting in the area has been described as 25 poor, which creates visibility problems at night; and 26 27 WHEREAS, Mokuola Street has also been designated as the 28 site for Waipahu's second rail station for Oahu's mass transit 29 system which will increase motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic 30 in the area, creating additional safety concerns; and 31



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1 WHEREAS, a traffic and pedestrian study of this intersection will work toward increasing pedestrian and motor 2 3 vehicle safety, as well as address traffic congestion concerns, 4 especially with the completion of the rail station; now, 5 therefore, 6 7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 8 9 of 2011, that the Department of Transportation Services of the 10 City and County of Honolulu (Department of Transportation Services) is requested to conduct a study of the traffic 11 conditions, as well as traffic and pedestrian use, of the 12 intersection of Mokuola Street and Hikimoe Street in Waipahu; 13 and 14 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this study shall include, but 16 not be limited to, information on the number of pedestrians and 17 vehicles using the intersection, safety concerns of the 18 intersection, statistics on motor vehicle collisions and 19 pedestrian accidents at the intersection, street lighting 20 concerns of the area, and the costs and feasibility of 21 installing additional street lighting and crosswalks in the 22 area, as well as any other safety measures deemed appropriate by 23 24 the Department of Transportation Services; and 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study also project the 26 increase of motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic that is likely 27 to occur upon completion of the rail transit station at Mokuola 28 29 Street; and 30 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation Services shall submit a report of its findings 32 and recommendations to the Legislature, including any proposed 33 legislation, no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the 34 35 Regular Session of 2012; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of Transportation Services.

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