A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

| 1 | SECT | ION 1. The director of transportation shall conduct a | |
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| 2 | feasibili | ty study on the construction of an alternative access | |
| 3 | road to be built mauka of Farrington highway beginning at | | |
| 4 | Lualualei Naval Magazine road that provides access into and out | | |
| 5 | of the leeward coast of Oahu. The study shall include at least | | |
| 6 | the following: | | |
| 7 | (1) | A cost-benefit analysis of establishing this mauka | |
| 8 | | alternative access road; | |
| 9 | (2) | Identification and evaluation of desired, intended, | |
| 10 | | and possibly unintended effects of establishing this | |
| 11 | | mauka alternative access road; | |
| 12 | (3) | Identification and evaluation of any other potential | |
| 13 | | alternative access routes into the leeward coast that | |
| 14 | | would be more cost-beneficial than this mauka | |
| 15 | | alternative access road; | |
| 16 | (4) | A review of previous studies conducted to identify | |
| 17 | | alternative access routes and determine the | |

| 1 | fea | sibility of establishing these routes into and out |
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| 2 | of | the leeward coast; and |
| 3 | (5) Any | other issues deemed necessary or relevant by the |
| 4 | dir | ector of transportation. |
| 5 | SECTION | 2. The director of transportation shall undertake |
| 6 | a study to de | velop a comprehensive set of recommendations for |
| 7 | improving tra | ffic flow in the Central Oahu corridor. The study |
| 8 | shall include | : |
| 9 | (1) A c | omprehensive review of Central Oahu traffic flow |
| 10 | stu | dies and any other factors the director deems |
| 11 | app | ropriate and relevant, such as: |
| 12 | (A) | Communities and areas of Oahu affected; |
| 13 | (B) | Population densities and growth of those |
| 14 | | communities; |
| 15 | (C) | Existing patterns and trends in traffic flows and |
| 16 | | densities; |
| 17 | (D) | Existing peak and off-peak usage and flows under |
| 18 | | varying conditions including seasonal and weather |
| 19 | | considerations; |
| 20 | (E) | Peak carrying capacity of the H-2 freeway and |
| 21 | | Kamehameha highway and the surrounding feeder |
| 22 | | highways and roads at current usage patterns; and |

| 1 | (F) All these patterns compared with projected | | | | |
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| 2 | patterns and usage with contraflow lanes; and | | | | |
| 3 | (2) A review of alternatives for improving regional | | | | |
| 4 | connectivity and reducing travel time. | | | | |
| 5 | SECTION 3. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is | | | | |
| 6 | amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately | | | | |
| 7 | designated and to read as follows: | | | | |
| 8 | "§286- Major accident investigation team; | | | | |
| 9 | establishment; duties. (a) The chief of police of each county | | | | |
| 10 | with a population of five hundred thousand or more shall | | | | |
| 11 | coordinate with the director to form a major accident | | | | |
| 12 | investigation team. | | | | |
| 13 | (b) Each major accident investigation team shall include | | | | |
| 14 | personnel from the county police department and the department | | | | |
| 15 | of transportation as may be necessary to expeditiously process | | | | |
| 16 | and complete major accident investigations in order to minimize | | | | |
| 17 | traffic disruption that may be caused by the major accident | | | | |
| 18 | investigation. | | | | |
| 19 | (c) The chief of police and the director shall establish | | | | |
| 20 | criteria for determining the scope of the major accident | | | | |
| 21 | investigation team's responsibilities and procedures to | | | | |

| 1 | thoroughl | y and expeditiously investigate major accidents and | |
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| 2 | minimize related traffic delays." | | |
| 3 | SECTION 4. The director of transportation shall submit a | | |
| 4 | written report of findings and recommendations, including any | | |
| 5 | necessary proposed legislation on the studies conducted pursuan | | |
| 6 | to sections 1 and 2, to the legislature no later than thirty | | |
| 7 | days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2015. | | |
| 8 | SECT | ION 5. There is appropriated out of the general | |
| 9 | revenues | of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much | |
| 10 | thereof a | s may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for: | |
| 11 | (1) | A feasibility study on the construction of an | |
| 12 | | alternative access road to be built mauka of | |
| 13 | | Farrington highway beginning at Lualualei Naval | |
| 14 | | Magazine road that provides access into and out of the | |
| 15 | | leeward coast of Oahu; | |
| 16 | (2) | A review of Central Oahu traffic studies and | |
| 17 | | alternatives for improving traffic flow in the Central | |
| 18 | | Oahu corridor; and | |
| 19 | (3) | Costs associated with the establishment of major | |
| 20 | | accident investigation teams in counties affected by | |
| 21 | | this Act. | |

- 1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 2 transportation for the purposes of this Act.
- 3 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

Report Title:

Transportation; Feasibility Study; Access; Leeward Coast; Central Oahu; Major Accident Investigation Teams; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study on the construction of an alternative access road into and out of the Leeward Coast of Oahu. Requires the Department of Transportation to recommend improvements to traffic in the Central Oahu corridor. Establishes a major accident investigation team in counties with a population of 500,000 or more. Appropriates funds to the Department of Transportation. Effective July 1, 2014. (HB2563 HD1)

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