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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES,  
AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,  
TO DETERMINE THE COST OF PLACING AN OVERPASS OVER THE H-1  
FREEWAY TO EXTEND BETWEEN NUUANU STREAM AND QUEEN EMMA  
STREET THAT WOULD REDUCE TRAFFIC NOISE POLLUTION AND BE  
USED AS A PARK OR OTHER COMMUNITY USE PURPOSE.

1 WHEREAS, the H-1 freeway is the most utilized freeway in  
2 the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, twenty-four hours a day, many residents who live  
5 near the H-1 freeway are subjected to excessive traffic noise  
6 pollution emanating from passing cars; and

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8 WHEREAS, traffic noise pollution can affect a person's  
9 ability to work, learn, rest, relax, and sleep, as well as lead  
10 to mental and physical health problems; and

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12 WHEREAS, there is a shortage of parks and recreation in the  
13 downtown area; and

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15 WHEREAS, constructing an overpass with sufficient  
16 structural capacity to support open green space such as a park  
17 would greatly improve the standard of living for residents of  
18 the State by providing the dual benefit of reducing traffic  
19 noise pollution from the H-1 freeway and adding an additional  
20 park to the downtown area; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
23 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
24 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
25 Accounting and General Services is requested to consult with the  
26 Department of Transportation to determine the cost of placing an  
27 overpass over the H-1 freeway to extend between Nuuanu Stream



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1 and Queen Emma Street that would reduce traffic noise pollution  
 2 and be used as a community park or other community use purpose;  
 3 and

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 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting  
 6 and General Services is requested to submit a report on its  
 7 findings and recommendations to the Legislature not later than  
 8 twenty days prior to the convening of the 2016 Regular Session;  
 9 and

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

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