

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

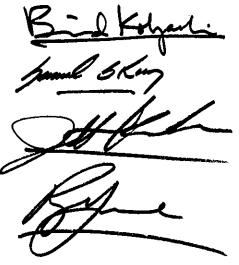
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSIDER EXTENDING THE ZIPPERLANE TO KAPOLEI AND OPENING A SHOULDER LANE FROM KAPOLEI TO WAIPAHU AS TRAFFIC MITIGATION MEASURES FOR WEST OAHU COMMUTERS.

WHEREAS, traffic congestion is a critical problem faced by 1 2 cities around the country and throughout the world; and 3 4 WHEREAS, numerous challenges created by traffic congestion, including daily delays resulting in the inability to plan 5 6 events, increased stress and road rage incidents, increased risk of traffic accidents and crashes, and excessive consumption of 7 fossil fuels, impact Hawaii's environment and negatively impact 8 9 the quality of life for many individuals; and 10 WHEREAS, traffic congestion in Honolulu has been 11 12 consistently ranked as one of the worst in the nation; and 13 WHEREAS, according to TomTom's traffic index, the average 14 commute time in Honolulu is around 30 minutes, with a commuter 15 experiencing roughly 76 hours of delays per year; and 16 17 WHEREAS, increased traffic in Hawaii has contributed to a 18 surprising rate of approximately 10,000 serious traffic 19 accidents a year resulting in between 120 and 150 fatalities and 20 between 8,000 and 12,000 serious injuries; and 21 22 WHEREAS, the problems with traffic congestion on Oahu are 23 particularly pronounced in the weekday commute between 24 25 Honolulu's urban core and the Ewa area of Oahu; and 26 27 WHEREAS, the population of residents in the Ewa area and west side of Oahu continues to increase due, in part, to the 28 pursuit of affordable housing; and 29



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1 WHEREAS, traffic congestion is expected to worsen as a result of the population increase, thereby adding even more 2 3 stress to commuters and increased demand to an already strained infrastructure system in the region; now, therefore, 4 5 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 7 8 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Transportation is urged to consider, as traffic mitigation 9 measures for West Oahu commuters: 10 11 12 (1)Extending the Zipperlane on the H-1 Freeway eastbound 13 to Kapolei in the vicinity of Kualakai Parkway and the 14 Makakilo on-ramp at Exit 1B during the morning commute 15 hours between 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; and 16 17 (2) Opening a shoulder lane on the H-1 Freeway from Kapolei to Waipahu; and 18 19 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Director of 21 22 Transportation. 23 24 25 OFFERED BY:



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