

HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT A ROUNDABOUT AT THE INTERSECTION OF KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY AND KAHEKILI HIGHWAY IN KAHALU'U ON THE ISLAND OF OAHU.

WHEREAS, residents of the windward side of Oahu stretching from Kane'ohe to Kahalu'u and even to La'ie have complained for years about the rush-hour traffic congestion on Kahekili Highway; and

WHEREAS, the traffic congestion poses a risk for increased accidents, degrades the citizens' quality of life, and causes motorists to lose valuable time in their commute to and from work; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over State highways such as Kahekili Highway and Kamehameha Highway; and

WHEREAS, studies have found that a type of intersection known as a roundabout can increase traffic safety, increase traffic capacity of a roadway, and decrease commute times; and

WHEREAS, the Department previously intended to install a roundabout at the intersection of Kamehameha Highway and Kahekili Highway in Kahalu'u on the island of Oahu, but had instead decided to implement an alternative proposal, which has since been continuously delayed; and

WHEREAS, in its current state, the intersection of Kamehameha Highway and Kahekili Highway in Kahalu'u on the island of Oahu poses a danger to both drivers and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the rush-hour traffic congestion problem at the intersection of Kamehameha Highway and Kahekili Highway in Kahalu'u on the island of Oahu needs to be remedied to shorten

commute times, allow residents a better quality of life, and address community safety concerns; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, that the Department of Transportation is requested to construct a roundabout at the intersection of Kamehameha Highway and Kahekili Highway in Kahalu'u on the island of Oahu; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.

OFFERED BY:

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