
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND KAUAI DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO IDENTIFY AND
RECOMMEND METHODS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT
CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS ALONG THE KAUMUALII HIGHWAY.

1 WHEREAS, the Kaumualii Highway is a thirty-three-mile
2 roadway in the County of Kauai that stretches from the
3 intersection of Kuhio Highway and Rice Street to Lio Road,
4 passing through the communities of Lihue, Omao, Koloa, Kalaheo,
5 and Waimea, among others; and
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7 WHEREAS, Kauai's economy is a combination of agriculture,
8 business, construction, education, state and local government,
9 technology and defense, and tourism; and
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11 WHEREAS, according to a list provided by InfoGroup,
12 seventeen of the county's fifty-two largest employers are
13 located in communities near the Kaumualii Highway, including
14 Koloa, Poipu, and Waimea; and
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16 WHEREAS, although not included in InfoGroup's list, the
17 Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands is one of Kauai's
18 largest employers, with nearly one thousand active duty Navy and
19 government personnel, civil service and contract civilians, and
20 Hawaii Air National Guard members employed by the facility, and
21 is located approximately one-fifth of a mile south of the
22 Kaumualii Highway on the western shore of Kauai; and
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24 WHEREAS, according to data provided by Statistical Atlas,
25 Kalaheo has the fourth-largest population in Kauai County; and
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27 WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau, the
28 population in Kauai County increased by 7.7 percent between
29 April 1, 2010, and July 1, 2019; and
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1 WHEREAS, according to the 2018 State of Hawaii Data Book,
2 the number of vehicle registrations in the County of Kauai
3 increased by fifteen percent between 2010 and 2018, and the
4 twenty-four-hour traffic volume increased by approximately ten
5 percent in Waimea and thirteen percent in Omao between 2012 and
6 2018; and
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8 WHEREAS, the County of Kauai's growing population and the
9 presence of numerous large employers near the Kaumualii Highway
10 necessitate a collaborative effort by the State and county to
11 develop methods to alleviate traffic congestion and enhance the
12 reliability of the Kaumualii Highway; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
16 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
17 Transportation and Kauai Department of Public Works are
18 requested to conduct a joint study to identify and recommend
19 methods to alleviate traffic congestion at the following
20 intersections located in the County of Kauai:
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22 (1) Kaumualii Highway and Opu Road; and
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24 (2) Kaumualii Highway and Maluhia Road; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study is requested to
27 include a timeline and estimated costs to implement the
28 Department of Transportation and Kauai Department of Public
29 Works' recommendations; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
32 Transportation and Kauai Department of Public Works are also
33 requested to submit a joint report of their findings and
34 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
35 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
36 the Regular Session of 2023; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
40 Transportation and County Engineer of the Kauai Department of
41 Public Works.

