
HOUSE 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 of the
12 largest employers in the County of Kauai, seventeen of the
13 county's fifty-two largest employers are located in communities
14 near the Kaumualii Highway, including Koloa, Poipu, and Waimea;
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17 WHEREAS, although not included in InfoGroup's list, the
18 Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands is one of Kauai's
19 largest employers, with nearly one thousand active duty Navy and
20 government personnel, civil service and contract civilians, and
21 Hawaii Air National Guard members employed by the facility, and
22 is located approximately one-fifth of a mile south of the
23 Kaumualii Highway on the western shore of Kauai; and
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25 WHEREAS, according to data provided by Statistical Atlas,
26 Kalaheo has the fourth largest population in Kauai County; and



1 WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau, the
2 population in Kauai County increased by 7.7 percent between
3 April 1, 2010, and July 1, 2019; and
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5 WHEREAS, according to the 2018 State of Hawaii Data Book,
6 the number of vehicle registrations in the County of Kauai
7 increased by fifteen percent between 2010 and 2018, and the
8 twenty-four-hour traffic volume in certain survey sites in the
9 county increased between 2012 and 2018 by approximately ten
10 percent in Waimea and thirteen percent in Omao; and
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12 WHEREAS, the County of Kauai's growing population and the
13 presence of numerous large employers near the Kaumualii Highway
14 necessitate a collaborative effort by the State and county to
15 develop methods to alleviate traffic congestion along and
16 enhance the reliability of the Kaumualii Highway; now,
17 therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
21 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
22 Transportation and Kauai Department of Public Works are
23 requested to conduct a joint study to identify and recommend
24 methods to alleviate traffic congestion at the following
25 intersections located in the County of Kauai:
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27 (1) Kaumualii Highway and Opu Road; and
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29 (2) Kaumualii Highway and Maluhia Road; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study is requested to
32 include a timeline and estimated costs to implement the
33 Department of Transportation and Kauai Department of Public
34 Works' recommendations; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
37 Transportation and Kauai Department of Public Works are also
38 requested to submit a joint report of their findings and
39 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
40 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
41 the Regular Session of 2023; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
3 Transportation and County Engineer of the Kauai Department of
4 Public Works.
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