
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU CONVENE A
WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE
SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE.

1 WHEREAS, sidewalks are integral components of the State's
2 streets and roadways; and

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4 WHEREAS, many residents rely on sidewalks for exercise,
5 recreation, and transportation; and

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7 WHEREAS, sidewalks increase pedestrian safety by separating
8 pedestrians from vehicular traffic; and

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10 WHEREAS, unmaintained and undermaintained sidewalks may
11 cause pedestrian injuries and hinder residents, especially
12 elderly residents and those residents having mobility
13 impairments, from properly using the sidewalks; and

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15 WHEREAS, proper maintenance of sidewalks in the City and
16 County of Honolulu is crucial to the health and well-being of
17 the residents of, and visitors to, Honolulu; now, 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 2022, the Senate concurring, that the City and County of
22 Honolulu is requested to convene a working group to develop
23 recommendations to improve sidewalk maintenance; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are
26 requested to serve as members of the working group:

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28 (1) The Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, or the
29 Mayor's designee;

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- 1 (2) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's
2 designee;
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- 4 (3) The Director of the Department of Planning and
5 Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu;
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- 7 (4) The Director of the Department of Facility Maintenance
8 of the City and County of Honolulu;
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- 10 (5) One member of the Senate, to be appointed by the
11 President of the Senate; and
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- 13 (6) One member of the House of Representatives, to be
14 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
18 to include the following in its report to the Legislature:

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- 20 (1) A detailed summary of the City and County of
21 Honolulu's existing policies and procedures for the
22 maintenance and repair of sidewalks, including
23 procedures for:
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 - 25 (A) Receiving, delegating, and handling complaints
26 from the public about damaged sidewalks; and
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 - 28 (B) Categorizing sidewalks into the City and County
29 of Honolulu's four priority sidewalk repair
30 levels;
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- 32 (2) The median amount of time spent during fiscal year
33 2020-2021 to repair sidewalks within each priority
34 sidewalk repair level; and
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- 36 (3) Recommendations to:
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 - 38 (A) Improve the efficiency of sidewalk repairs; and
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 - 40 (B) Improve communications with the public, including
41 enabling communications with complainants to,
42 upon request, inform the complainants of the



1 actions taken in response to their complaint and
2 the reasons thereof; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
5 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
6 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
7 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
8 of 2023; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
12 Transportation, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu,
13 Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting of the
14 City and County of Honolulu, and Director of the Department of
15 Facility Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu.
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