
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION
COMMISSION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS AREAS IN
KOOLAULOA THAT ARE MOST VULNERABLE TO SEA LEVEL RISE.

1 WHEREAS, climate change and sea level rise pose
2 significant, dangerous, and imminent threats to public safety,
3 natural resources, and the State's infrastructure; and
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5 WHEREAS, the sea level of Hawaii's coast is roughly
6 ten inches higher than it was in 1950 and is rising faster every
7 year; and
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9 WHEREAS, sea level rise has increased the frequency and
10 reach of coastal floods, resulting in a record number of floods
11 in the past few years that cost the State millions of dollars;
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14 WHEREAS, the State has already lost approximately
15 thirteen miles of beaches, and seventy percent of beaches are
16 currently at risk; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Koolauloa area on Oahu is a victim of sea
19 level rise, where erosion has damaged the roads and caused
20 portions of the roadway to collapse into the ocean; and
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22 WHEREAS, coastal erosion around the Koolauloa coast has
23 created a public safety hazard for residents in the area, and as
24 the sea level continues to rise, the community in Koolauloa will
25 continue to be threatened; and
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27 WHEREAS, long term solutions are needed to prevent coastal
28 erosion and protect the Koolauloa area from the imminent threat
29 of climate change and sea level rise; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



1 of 2022, that the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and
2 Adaptation Commission is requested to convene a task force to
3 address the areas in Koolauloa that are most vulnerable to sea
4 level rise; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include the
7 following:

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9 (1) One co-chairperson of the Hawaii Climate Change
10 Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to be determined
11 by the Commission, or the co-chairperson's designee,
12 who shall serve as the chairperson of the task force;
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- 14 (2) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's
15 designee;
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- 17 (3) The Chairs of the standing committees of the Senate
18 and House of Representatives with primary subject
19 matter jurisdiction over transportation;
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- 21 (4) The Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable
22 Development, or the Director's designee;
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- 24 (5) One person who resides in the Koolauloa area, to be
25 determined by the chairperson of the task force; and
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- 27 (6) Any other person as deemed necessary by the
28 chairperson of the task force; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the scope and intent of the
31 task force include but not be limited to:

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33 (1) Identifying areas in Koolauloa that are most
34 vulnerable to sea level rise;
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- 36 (2) Exploring mitigation options for each area, including
37 shoreline hardening and retreat or relocation; and
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- 39 (3) Holding meetings in the community to get community
40 input regarding different solutions; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
2 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
3 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
4 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
5 2023; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
9 Land and Natural Resources, Director of Transportation, and
10 Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainability
11 Development.
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