
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, FEDERAL ENTITIES, AND PRIVATE LAND OWNERS TO WORK TOGETHER TO IMMEDIATELY OPEN THE SECTION OF THE WAIANAE COAST EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD EXTENDING PAAKEA ROAD OUT TO LUALUALEI NAVAL ROAD FOR PUBLIC USE ON A PERMANENT BASIS.

1 WHEREAS, Farrington Highway is the main route of travel for
2 communities of the Leeward Coast of Oahu and is the only public
3 highway that leads into and out of the region; and
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5 WHEREAS, on a daily basis, frustrated Leeward motorists are
6 caught in gridlock traffic conditions; and
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8 WHEREAS, Farrington Highway has experienced lane closures
9 or complete shutdowns on numerous occasions due to traffic
10 accidents, severe weather, and construction work; and
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12 WHEREAS, the system of roads known as the Waianae Coast
13 Emergency Access Road consists of gated roads that are under the
14 jurisdiction of the Department of Emergency Management of the
15 City and County of Honolulu and can be opened when deemed
16 necessary or when requested by the Honolulu Police Department;
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19 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Legislature of the State of Hawaii
20 adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 197 (2017), urging the
21 Department of Transportation to work in conjunction with the
22 Departments of Emergency Management and Transportation Services
23 of the City and County of Honolulu and Honolulu Police
24 Department to analyze and assess the possibility of using the
25 Waianae Coast Emergency Access Road on a more permanent basis;
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28 WHEREAS, in 2020, then Governor David Ige released
29 \$4,000,000 that had been allocated by area legislators to begin



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1 work on opening the locked gates on Paakea Road in order to
2 create a parallel route; and

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4 WHEREAS, there is a critical need for an alternate route to
5 alleviate traffic and improve public safety; now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
8 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
9 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the State of
10 Hawaii, City and County of Honolulu, federal entities, and
11 private land owners are urged to work together to immediately
12 open the section of the Waianae Coast Emergency Access Road
13 extending Paakea Road out to Lualualei Naval Road to be used as
14 a parallel route for the Waianae Coast on a permanent basis; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Division
18 Administrator of the United States Department of
19 Transportation's Federal Highway Administration - Hawaii
20 Division, Commander of Navy Region Hawaii, Governor, Director of
21 Transportation, Director of Transportation Services of the City
22 and County of Honolulu, Director of Emergency Management of the
23 City and County of Honolulu, Chief of Police of the Honolulu
24 Police Department, and President of Pineridge Farms, Inc.

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