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HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO EXPAND OR RELOCATE
THE POST OFFICE IN PAHOA, HAWAII, TO BETTER SERVE THE NEEDS
OF THE COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, Pahoa, Hawaii, is a census-designated place in the district of Puna on the island of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2020 census, the population of Pahoa is 920 individuals; and

WHEREAS, while Pahoa is a small community, the Pahoa post office serves a population of 22,069 residents in the communities of Ainaloa, Fern Acres, Hawaiian Acres, Hawaii Beaches, Hawaiian Paradise Park, Kalapana, Keau, Kurtistown, Leilani Estates, Nanawale Estates, and Orchidland Estates; and

WHEREAS, the Pahoa post office has reached its full capacity and can no longer adequately service the Pahoa community or the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, customers at Pahoa post office often have long wait times to receive service, as the post office is too small to accommodate necessary staff; and

WHEREAS, there is not enough parking to serve the many customers that come to do business at the Pahoa post office; and

WHEREAS, it is vital for the Pahoa post office to be relocated to a facility that can adequately accommodate the needs of the Pahoa community and where postal service customers can be protected from the weather while they wait in line; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular

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9 10 Session of 2023, that the United States Postal Service is urged to expand or relocate the post office in Pahoa, Hawaii, to better serve the needs of the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the United States Postmaster General and the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

OFFERED BY:

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