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HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCT ON THE H-1 FREEWAY A WESTBOUND ZIPPER LANE FOR USE ON WEEKDAYS DURING THE HOURS OF 3:00 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M.

WHEREAS, between 2010 and 2020, the populations of the West Oahu neighborhoods of Makakilo, Kapolei, and Ewa increased by more than thirty percent; and

WHEREAS, this population increase, coupled with Oahu's limited highway capacity, has led to significant traffic congestion eastbound along the H-1 freeway on weekday mornings and westbound along the H-1 freeway on weekday afternoons; and

WHEREAS, efforts to address traffic congestion on Oahu include construction of the Skyline rail system and the use of an eastbound barrier-separated high occupancy vehicle lanes, or zipper lane, on weekdays between 5:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, however, due to the lack of a westbound zipper lane, West Oahu residents must endure grueling commutes home each afternoon; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, that the Department of Transportation is requested to construct on the H-1 freeway a westbound zipper lane for use on weekdays during the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.

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