
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH THE
MAKAKILO DRIVE EXTENSION TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS ISSUES
DELAYING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MAKAKILO DRIVE EXTENSION
PROJECT.

1 WHEREAS, there is currently only one way in and out of
2 Makakilo, a situation that poses significant safety concerns for
3 residents, especially in light of the recent Maui wildfires,
4 which highlighted the critical need for alternative evacuation
5 routes; and
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7 WHEREAS, construction of the Makakilo Drive Extension
8 Project has been a decades-old long-standing promise to the
9 residents of Makakilo for a second means of egress from
10 Makakilo; and
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12 WHEREAS, the lack of progress on the Makakilo Drive
13 extension has led to increased traffic congestion, limited
14 access for emergency vehicles, and diminished quality of life
15 for area residents; and
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17 WHEREAS, the extension of Makakilo Drive is critical for
18 improving connectivity between communities, enhancing public
19 safety, and promoting economic growth in the region; and
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21 WHEREAS, various challenges, including funding constraints,
22 land acquisition issues, and environmental considerations, have
23 impeded the progress of the Makakilo Drive Extension Project;
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2025, that the Director of Transportation is requested to
29 establish the Makakilo Drive Extension Task Force; and
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Makakilo Drive Extension Task Force be composed of the following members:

- (1) The Director of Transportation or the director's designee, who shall serve as chairperson;
- (2) A representative from the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting;
- (3) The Chairperson of the Honolulu City Council or the Chairperson's designee;
- (4) A member of the Senate appointed by the Senate President;
- (5) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (6) A representative from the local business community, who shall be invited to participate;
- (7) Five residents of the Makakilo area, who shall be invited to participate; and
- (8) Any other individuals deemed necessary by the task force, who shall be invited to participate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Makakilo Drive Extension Task Force is requested to:

- (1) Identify and evaluate the key issues and challenges delaying the construction of the Makakilo Drive extension;
- (2) Develop a comprehensive action plan to address these challenges and expedite the project;
- (3) Identify potential sources of funding, including federal, state, and private funding opportunities;
- (4) Engage with the community to ensure that public input is considered in the decision-making process; and



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(5) Submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and the Chairperson of the Honolulu City Council.

OFFERED BY:

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