
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE MAKAKILO DRIVE EXTENSION PROJECT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that traffic congestion
2 and limited roadway access in west Oahu, particularly in the
3 Makakilo region, have created persistent safety, mobility, and
4 economic challenges for residents. The Makakilo drive extension
5 has long been identified as a critical infrastructure project to
6 improve connectivity, reduce emergency response times, and
7 support responsible residential and commercial growth. However,
8 fragmented jurisdiction between state and municipal entities has
9 contributed to delays in the planning, permitting, and
10 implementation of the Makakilo drive extension project.

11 The legislature believes that sustainable infrastructure
12 practices, including environmentally responsible design and
13 energy-efficient technology, are essential to Hawaii's long-term
14 climate resilience and environmental stewardship goals.
15 Additionally, public transparency in major infrastructure
16 projects strengthens government accountability, trust, and
17 fiscal responsibility.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to expedite the
2 completion of the Makakilo drive extension by transferring
3 primary authority to the State, streamlining interagency
4 coordination, incorporating sustainable infrastructure
5 practices, and enhancing public transparency.

6 SECTION 2. **Short Title.** This Act shall be known and may
7 be cited as the "Makakilo Drive Infrastructure Acceleration and
8 Sustainability Act."

9 SECTION 3. **Definitions.** For purposes of this Act:
10 "Department" means the state department of transportation.
11 "Task force" means the Makakilo drive extension task force.

12 SECTION 4. **Transfer of jurisdiction and project
13 responsibility.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the
14 contrary, all primary authority, responsibility, and control
15 over the planning, design, acquisition, construction, and
16 completion of the Makakilo drive extension are hereby
17 transferred from the city and county of Honolulu to the
18 department.

19 (b) The city and county of Honolulu shall cooperate fully
20 with the department in effectuating the transfer of authority,
21 including:



- (1) Providing all relevant plans, studies, environmental reviews, permits, contracts, and project records;
- (2) Transferring any unencumbered project funds, subject to applicable law; and

(3) Coordinating land use, zoning, utilities, and municipal infrastructure matters necessary to ensure continuity of the project.

11 (d) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to relieve the
12 city and county of Honolulu of obligations related to municipal
13 coordination, infrastructure compatibility, or public safety
14 services.

SECTION 5. Makakilo drive extension task force;

16 **established.** (a) There is established within the department
17 the Makakilo drive extension task force.

18 (b) The task force shall comprise the following members:

19 (1) The director of transportation or the director's

20 designee, who shall serve as the chair of the task

21 force:





1 (4) Submitting quarterly progress reports to the
2 legislature.

3 SECTION 6. Sustainable infrastructure and environmental

4 **design.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,
5 subject to approval of the public utilities commission, moneys
6 in the Hawaii green infrastructure special fund under
7 section 196-65, Hawaii Revised Statutes, may be used to support
8 sustainable design elements for the Makakilo drive extension,
9 including:

- 10 (1) Stormwater capture and filtration systems;
- 11 (2) Energy-efficient roadway lighting;
- 12 (3) Heat-mitigating or reflective pavement materials;
- 13 (4) Native or drought-resistant landscaping; and
- 14 (5) Infrastructure designed to improve long-term climate
- 15 resilience.

16 (b) The department shall ensure that sustainability
17 measures are integrated into project planning without
18 compromising safety, accessibility, or structural integrity.

19 SECTION 7. Public transparency and project dashboard. (a)

20 The department shall establish and maintain a publicly



1 accessible online project dashboard for the Makakilo drive
2 extension.

3 (b) The dashboard shall include:

4 (1) Project timelines and milestones;

5 (2) Budget allocations and expenditures;

6 (3) Contract awards; and

7 (4) Construction progress updates.

8 (c) The dashboard shall be updated at least once every two
9 months.

10 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
13 the completion of the Makakilo drive extension.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
15 transportation for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026;
17 provided that sections 5, 6, and 7 shall be repealed on June 30,
18 2036.

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Description:

Transfers land from the City and County of Honolulu to the Department of Transportation to complete the Makakilo Drive Extension project. Establishes the Makakilo Drive Extension Task Force to coordinate the project. Authorizes use of the Hawaii green infrastructure special fund to support sustainable design elements of the project. Appropriates funds.

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