
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUEST THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A TEMPORARY
WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE CURRENT CAPACITY OF UTILITY
SERVICES, THE EXPECTED LIFESPAN OF EXISTING COASTLINE
INFRASTRUCTURE, AND THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF NECESSARY
EXPANSIONS.

1 WHEREAS, in 2025, the American Society of Civil Engineers
2 released their infrastructure report card, in which the State
3 received an overall grade of a D+; and
4

5 WHEREAS, this grade demonstrates the lack of improvement to
6 Hawaii infrastructure, as the State received the same grade in
7 2019; and
8

9 WHEREAS, most of Hawaii's infrastructure was built between
10 sixty to one hundred years ago and was not intended to have
11 lasted this long; and
12

13 WHEREAS, these delayed maintenance and improvements are
14 posing a threat and danger to many communities across the state;
15 and
16

17 WHEREAS, for communities, such as Wai'anae, that continue
18 to experience growth and development, there is generated
19 additional demand for water, sewage, recycling, solid waste
20 disposal services, communication, electricity, and other utility
21 systems; and
22

23 WHEREAS, a lack of infrastructure readiness can hinder new
24 development and lead to increased costs for emergency repairs;
25 and
26

27 WHEREAS, there is a need for information on the utility
28 providers' ability to meet current and future demands; and



1
2 WHEREAS, this is essential to proactive maintenance, which
3 can minimize long-term repair costs, extend asset life, and
4 reduce safety risks; and
5

6 WHEREAS, it is crucial to have such data publicly available
7 and updated for responsible community planning and dependable
8 utility services; now, therefore,
9

10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
12 of 2026, the Senate concurring, the Public Utility Commission is
13 requested to develop a temporary working group to study the
14 current capacity of utility services, the expected lifespan of
15 existing coastline infrastructure, and the financial
16 implications of necessary expansions; and
17

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the working group is requested to
19 consist of the following members:
20

- 21 (1) The chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, or
22 the chairperson's designee;
- 23
- 24 (2) The president and chief executive officer of Charter
25 Communications, or their designee;
- 26
- 27 (3) Honolulu city councilmember representing District 1,
28 or their designee;
- 29
- 30 (4) One representative of a telecommunications carrier;
- 31
- 32 (5) One member from each electric utility operating in the
33 county;
- 34
- 35 (6) The chair of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, or
36 their designee;
- 37
- 38 (7) A representative of the International Brotherhood of
39 Electrical Workers, Local 1260; and
40



1 (8) The director of the City and County of Honolulu
 2 Department of Environmental Services, or their
 3 designee; and
 4

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the working group may invite to
 6 serve on the working group any other persons whom the working
 7 group believes have expertise that would be helpful in
 8 fulfilling the working group's duties; and
 9

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the working group shall:
 11

- 12 (1) Develop an assessment of the current capacity of
 13 existing infrastructure and actual demand;
 14
- 15 (2) Develop an assessment of infrastructure nearing or at
 16 the end of its expected operational lifespan;
 17
- 18 (3) Analyze the financial impact and necessary costs for
 19 expanding infrastructure to accommodate projected
 20 coastline community growth;
 21
- 22 (4) Identify any existing plans for upgrades, including
 23 expected timelines and projected impacts on the
 24 community;
 25
- 26 (5) Identify any information on budget allocations,
 27 potential funding gaps, and any anticipated rate
 28 increases to support expansion efforts; and
 29
- 30 (6) Review whether approved permits have imposed an
 31 unreasonable strain on infrastructure capacity and
 32 whether any mitigation efforts are necessary to
 33 restore sufficient capacity; and
 34

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Public
 37 Utilities Commission, Manager and Chief Engineer of the City and
 38 County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply, Director of the
 39 Department of Environmental Services for the City and County of
 40 Honolulu.
 41
 42



H.C.R. NO. 168

1

OFFERED BY:

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and appears to be the name of the person offering the bill.

MAR 16 2026

