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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUEST THE PUBLIC UTILITIES 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  
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5 WHEREAS, this grade demonstrates the lack of improvement to  
6 Hawaii infrastructure, as the State received the same grade in  
7 2019; and  
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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  
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13 WHEREAS, these delayed maintenance and improvements are  
14 posing a threat and danger to many communities across the state;  
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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  
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23 WHEREAS, a lack of infrastructure readiness can hinder new  
24 development and lead to increased costs for emergency repairs;  
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27 WHEREAS, there is a need for information on the utility  
28 providers' ability to meet current and future demands; and



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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  
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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,  
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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 Utilities Commission  
13 is 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 for the City and County of  
17 Honolulu; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the working group is requested to  
20 consist of the following members:  
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- 22 (1) The Chair of the Public Utilities Commission, or the  
23 Chairperson's designee, which will serve as the Chair  
24 of the working group;  
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26 (2) A member of the Hawai'i State House of  
27 Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House  
28 of Representatives;  
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30 (3) A member of the Hawai'i State Senate, appointed by the  
31 President of the Senate;  
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33 (4) The Director of Transportation, or their designee;  
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35 (5) The Director of Emergency Management, or their  
36 designee;  
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38 (6) The Consumer Advocate, or their designee;  
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40 (7) The Director of Land and Natural Resources, or their  
41 designee;  
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- 1 (8) The Chair of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, or  
2 their designee;  
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4 (9) The Director of the Department of Environmental  
5 Services for the City and County of Honolulu, or their  
6 designee;  
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8 (10) The president and chief executive officer of Charter  
9 Communications, or their designee;  
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11 (11) One representative of a telecommunications carrier;  
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13 (12) One member from Hawaiian Electric; and  
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15 (13) A representative of the International Brotherhood of  
16 Electrical Workers, Local 1260; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the working group may invite to  
19 serve on the working group any other persons whom the working  
20 group believes have expertise that would be helpful in  
21 fulfilling the working group's duties; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the working group shall, as  
24 applicable to the City and County of Honolulu:  
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- 26 (1) Develop an assessment of the current capacity of  
27 existing infrastructure and actual demand;  
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29 (2) Develop an assessment of infrastructure nearing or at  
30 the end of its expected operational lifespan;  
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32 (3) Analyze the financial impact and necessary costs for  
33 expanding infrastructure to accommodate projected  
34 coastline community growth;  
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36 (4) Identify any existing plans for upgrades, including  
37 expected timelines and projected impacts on the  
38 community;  
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40 (5) Identify any information on budget allocations,  
41 potential funding gaps, and any anticipated rate  
42 increases to support expansion efforts; and



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(6) Review whether approved permits have imposed an unreasonable strain on infrastructure capacity and whether any mitigation efforts are necessary to restore sufficient capacity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, the Director of Land and Natural Resources, Director of Transportation, Director of Emergency Management, the Consumer Advocate, the Chair, Manager, and Chief Engineer of the City and County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply, the Director of the Department of Environmental Services for the City and County of Honolulu, President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1260; the president and chief executive officer of Hawaiian Electric; and the president and chief executive officer of Charter Communications.

