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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH AN  
INDIRECT TRAFFIC DISRUPTION GRANT PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, unplanned road closures, detours, blockages, and  
2 utility disruptions caused by state and county roadwork can  
3 significantly impair access to homes and businesses; and  
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5           WHEREAS, such disruptions may result in substantial  
6 economic hardship for small businesses, including loss of  
7 property access, prolonged detours, reduced customer traffic,  
8 and measurable loss of business revenue; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the establishment of a grant program could provide  
11 relief to impacted property owners and small businesses affected  
12 by government-facilitated roadwork, strengthen local economies,  
13 support community resilience, and ensure that essential public  
14 infrastructure work does not disproportionately burden property  
15 owners and businesses who rely on stable public access for their  
16 livelihoods; now, therefore,  
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18           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
20 of 2026, that the Department of Transportation is requested to  
21 establish an Indirect Roadwork Disruption Grant Program to  
22 provide grants to property owners and small businesses impacted  
23 by unplanned road closures, detours, blockages, or utility  
24 disruptions caused by state or county roadwork or roadwork  
25 conducted by a public utility or contractor pursuant to a work  
26 order issued by the State or a county; and  
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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
29 Transportation is requested to develop a process to provide  
30 grants to:  
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- 32           (1) Property owners that demonstrate property access loss  
33           or prolonged detours; and



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- (2) Small businesses that demonstrate verifiable loss of business access or revenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is requested to establish criteria for the provision of grants, including:

- (1) Any notice of the state or county roadwork or roadwork conducted by a public utility or contractor pursuant to a work order issued by the State or a county that was provided to the public, property owner, or small business;
- (2) Duration of the roadwork;
- (3) Severity of the roadwork; and
- (4) Economic impact to the property owner or small business; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is requested to collaborate with the counties to administer the Indirect Roadwork Disruption Grant Program for situations involving impacts from roadwork performed jointly by the State and a county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is requested to submit a progress report on the Indirect Roadwork Disruption Grant Program to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of Regular Session of 2027 that includes, at minimum:

- (1) The number of applications for grants submitted;
- (2) The total number and amount of grants awarded;
- (3) A timeline and deadlines for the grant process; and
- (4) Any other findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation;  
3 Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; and Mayors of the  
4 counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui.

