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

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

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

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

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20 (1) The chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, or
21 the chairperson's designee;
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23 (2) The president and chief executive officer of Charter
24 Communications, or their designee;
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26 (3) Honolulu city councilmember representing District 1,
27 or their designee;
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29 (4) One representative of a telecommunications carrier;
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31 (5) One member from each electric utility operating in the
32 county;
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34 (6) The chair of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, or
35 their designee;
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37 (7) A representative of the International Brotherhood of
38 Electrical Workers, Local 1260; and
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1 (8) The director of the City and County of Honolulu
2 Department of Environmental Services, or their
3 designee; and
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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
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the working group shall:
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- 12 (1) Develop an assessment of the current capacity of
13 existing infrastructure and actual demand;
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15 (2) Develop an assessment of infrastructure nearing or at
16 the end of its expected operational lifespan;
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18 (3) Analyze the financial impact and necessary costs for
19 expanding infrastructure to accommodate projected
20 coastline community growth;
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22 (4) Identify any existing plans for upgrades, including
23 expected timelines and projected impacts on the
24 community;
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26 (5) Identify any information on budget allocations,
27 potential funding gaps, and any anticipated rate
28 increases to support expansion efforts; and
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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
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Public Utilities
37 Commission, Manager and Chief Engineer of the City and County of
38 Honolulu Board of Water Supply, Director of the Department of
39 Environmental Services for the City and County of Honolulu.
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