
HOUSE 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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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 Utilities Commission is requested to develop
12 a temporary working group to study the current capacity of
13 utility services, the expected lifespan of existing coastline
14 infrastructure, and the financial implications of necessary
15 expansions for the City and County of Honolulu; 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 Chair of the Public Utilities Commission, or the
21 Chairperson's designee, which will serve as the Chair
22 of the working group;
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- 24 (2) A member of the Hawai'i State House of
25 Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House
26 of Representatives;
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- 28 (3) A member of the Hawai'i State Senate, appointed by the
29 President of the Senate;
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- 31 (4) The Director of Transportation, or their designee;
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- 33 (5) The Director of Emergency Management, or their
34 designee;
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- 36 (6) The Consumer Advocate, or their designee;
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- 38 (7) The Director of Land and Natural Resources, or their
39 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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1 (5) Identify any information on budget allocations,
2 potential funding gaps, and any anticipated rate
3 increases to support expansion efforts; and
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5 (6) Review whether approved permits have imposed an
6 unreasonable strain on infrastructure capacity and
7 whether any mitigation efforts are necessary to
8 restore sufficient capacity; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Public
12 Utilities Commission, the Director of Land and Natural
13 Resources, Director of Transportation, Director of Emergency
14 Management, the Consumer Advocate, the Chair, Manager, and Chief
15 Engineer of the City and County of Honolulu Board of Water
16 Supply, the Director of the Department of Environmental Services
17 for the City and County of Honolulu, President of the
18 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1260; the
19 president and chief executive officer of Hawaiian Electric; and
20 the president and chief executive officer of Charter
21 Communications.
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