
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE IMPACT OF THE STEEL WHEELS ON RAIL TECHNOLOGY PROPOSED AS THE MASS TRANSIT OPTION FOR OAHU ON WAIPAHAU HIGH SCHOOL AND WAIPAHAU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL WITH RESPECT TO NOISE AND VIBRATION.

1 WHEREAS, on February 22, 2008, a five-member independent
2 technology-selection expert panel concluded that steel wheels on
3 rail technology offered the best combination of reliability,
4 capability, and cost for Oahu's proposed mass transit project;
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7 WHEREAS, Waipahu High School is located a mere fifty yards
8 from the proposed steel wheels on rail mass transit route and
9 Waipahu Intermediate School is also in close proximity to the
10 proposed route; and

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12 WHEREAS, the buildings making up Waipahu High School and
13 Waipahu Intermediate School do not have air conditioning to act
14 as partial insulation against the noise and vibration projected
15 to be caused by the construction and operation of the rail mass
16 transit system; and

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18 WHEREAS, it is unclear how the learning environment at
19 Waipahu High School and Waipahu Intermediate School will be
20 affected by noise and vibration generated by the construction
21 and operation of the mass transit system; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2008, that the Council of the City and County of
26 Honolulu is requested to report to the Legislature on the impact
27 of the steel wheels on rail technology proposed as the mass
28 transit option for Oahu on Waipahu High School and Waipahu
29 Intermediate School with respect to noise and vibration; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City and
32 County of Honolulu is requested to include in the report



1 ameliorative measures to mitigate the negative impact of the
2 noise and vibration from the construction and operation of the
3 mass transit system; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City and
6 County of Honolulu is requested to submit the report to the
7 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
8 the Regular Session of 2009; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and the Chairperson of
12 the Council of the City and County of Honolulu, the Governor,
13 the Director of Transportation, and the Superintendent and the
14 Chairperson of the Board of Education.
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