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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY ON THE REGIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS AND INCREASING TOURISM IN THE NORTH SHORE AND KOOLAULOA DISTRICTS.

1 WHEREAS, the North Shore and Koolauloa districts of Oahu
2 are rural, sparsely populated communities that are accessed via
3 the narrow, two lane Kamehameha Highway; and
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5 WHEREAS, traffic congestion along this regional highway has
6 become a major problem for residents, visitors, businesses and
7 emergency services who get trapped in its gridlock; and
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9 WHEREAS, expansion of the Turtle Bay Resort could add
10 several hundred vehicles per hour to the already congested
11 roadway; and
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13 WHEREAS, the proposed Malaekahana residential development
14 could also add hundreds of additional vehicles to Kamehameha
15 Highway; and
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17 WHEREAS, development in Central Oahu has contributed to the
18 traffic congestion on weekends and holidays, and the proposed
19 Koa Ridge development could exacerbate existing congestion; and
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21 WHEREAS, more than fifty percent of visitors to Oahu visit
22 the North Shore, thousands of them traveling daily in rental
23 cars which add to traffic congestion; and
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25 WHEREAS, various in-fill developments, such as Kahuku
26 Haleiwa, Waialua and smaller projects would add even more demand
27 to highway capacity; and
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29 WHEREAS, there is very little capacity along Kamehameha
30 Highway in the North Shore and Koolauloa Districts to absorb
31 additional traffic demand; and



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WHEREAS, individual development projects are required only to study background conditions and the impacts their own projects will generate, yet total regional impacts of all potential developments and increasing tourism are not comprehensively studied and considered; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, that the Hawaii Department of Transportation study the cumulative traffic impacts of all proposed and likely developments on Kamehameha Highway in the North Shore and Koolauloa Districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the traffic impacts studied shall include all related traffic factors such as background levels, large developments, rental cars and tour buses, in-fill residential developments, and all other related factors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study analyze the cumulative traffic impacts with regard to highway capacity, such as vehicles per hour ratios, levels of service and other relevant statistical data;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation submit a report, including any recommendations, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of Transportation.

OFFERED BY: *CPTM Hee*

