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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEVELOP THE  
DESIGN AND PLANS FOR SECONDARY ACCESS ROADS FOR FARRINGTON  
HIGHWAY.

1           WHEREAS, Farrington Highway is not only the major roadway  
2 on Oahu's Leeward Coast, it is also the sole access route that  
3 links the Waianae district to Ewa and points east, including  
4 metropolitan Honolulu; and  
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6           WHEREAS, although West Oahu has experienced exponential  
7 growth and development over the last 20 years, transportation  
8 infrastructure has not kept pace, with traffic volume on  
9 Farrington Highway increasing from an average of 20,000 vehicles  
10 per day in 2000 to 50,000 vehicles per day in 2016; and  
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12           WHEREAS, although planned rail and other public  
13 transportation expansions, such as more robust bus service, may  
14 alleviate some traffic congestion once they are fully  
15 implemented, a solution that depends on solely public  
16 transportation is both too far in the future and inadequate; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu's Department of  
19 Transportation Services published a concept study for a  
20 secondary access highway for the Leeward Coast in 2001, but no  
21 action has been taken to realize this project; and  
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23           WHEREAS, the residents of the Waianae district bear the  
24 largest burden of the current infrastructural insufficiency  
25 since they must contend with daily commutes of up to two hours  
26 each way for jobs or school, both of which are concentrated on  
27 the island's opposite eastern coast; and



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1           WHEREAS, during peak morning and afternoon commute hours,  
2 the eight-mile segment of Farrington Highway between Makaha and  
3 Nanakuli cannot be traveled in less than 45 minutes; and  
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5           WHEREAS, additionally, the lack of any alternate route  
6 leaves Leeward residents more vulnerable to harm in an emergency  
7 situation, as there is currently no available route that can be  
8 used as an alternative to Farrington Highway during times when  
9 Farrington Highway is impassable; and  
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11           WHEREAS, coastal residents are at the mercy of traffic  
12 conditions for travel both within and out of the Waianae  
13 district and may be unable to reach emergency services or to  
14 timely evacuate the area if the sole available route both  
15 through and out of the district is impassable due to storm  
16 damage, severe vehicular accidents, or even daily rush hour; and  
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18           WHEREAS, any project to alleviate traffic congestion on  
19 Oahu's west side must first avoid exacerbating the problem  
20 through ongoing lane closures or other disruptions caused by  
21 construction; and  
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23           WHEREAS, it is critical that any project to supply  
24 alternate transportation corridors must minimize or, ideally,  
25 altogether avoid creating additional transportation barriers for  
26 residents of West Oahu; now, therefore,  
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28           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
29 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
30 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
31 Transportation is requested to develop the design and plans for  
32 secondary access roads to serve as alternative routes to  
33 Farrington Highway for travel within, into, and out of the  
34 Waianae district of Oahu; and  
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36           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plans include route maps,  
37 timelines for implementation, measures to avoid or mitigate  
38 disruption of access to currently available routes, an artist's  
39 rendition of what the three conceptual routes may look like  
40 after construction, and any other information the Department of  
41 Transportation deems necessary; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
 2 Transportation submit its findings and recommendations,  
 3 including any proposed Legislation, to the Legislature no later  
 4 than 20 days before the convening of the Regular Session of  
 5 2018; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
 9 Transportation.

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