
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE U.S. ARMY AND U.S. NAVY TO NOMINATE KOLEKOLE PASS TO THE THEATER ENGINEER EFFECTS BOARD TO BE REPAIRED FOR USE BY THE MILITARY AND AS AN EVACUATION ROUTE IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY OR NATURAL DISASTER ON THE LEEWARD COAST.

1 WHEREAS, the only way into and out of the communities on
2 the Waianae Coast is through Farrington Highway, which has been
3 closed numerous times in the recent years because of accidents,
4 severe weather, and other emergency conditions; and
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6 WHEREAS, Kolekole Pass is the only passage through the
7 Waianae mountain range, connecting the Leeward Coast with
8 central Oahu; and
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10 WHEREAS, Kolekole Pass is presently closed to civilian
11 traffic; and
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13 WHEREAS, since 2001 the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army have a
14 Memorandum of Understanding with the Hawaii Department of Civil
15 Defense to open Kolekole Pass to civilian traffic during an
16 emergency or natural disaster as an alternative route for
17 evacuating residents of the Leeward Coast; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Kolekole Pass was used as an alternative route
20 four times between 2002 and 2007; and
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22 WHEREAS, in December 2008, heavy rains caused rockslides
23 and severely undercut a hillside below the roadway and, as a
24 result, at least one section of Kolekole Pass is limited to
25 single-lane traffic; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Legislative Research Bureau conducted a study
28 in 2010 regarding the feasibility of using Kolekole Pass as an



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1 alternative civilian route for emergency situations in which the
2 need for repairs were identified; and
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4 WHEREAS, the study reported the U.S. Navy to be responsible
5 for the repair of Kolekole Pass, as it owns the part of the road
6 that is currently in disrepair, and that the U.S. Navy was
7 looking for funding for those repairs; and,
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9 WHEREAS, the Joint Civil-Military Engineer Board, in Hawaii
10 known as the Theater Engineer Effects Board, recommends
11 policies, procedures, priorities and overall direction for
12 civil-military construction and engineering requirements in the
13 theater, and evaluates and prioritizes engineer resources; now,
14 therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
18 of 2018, that the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy are encouraged to
19 nominate Kolekole Pass to the Theater Engineer Effects Board for
20 repairs; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Commander of the United States
24 Pacific Fleet, the Commanding General of the United States Army
25 Pacific, the Commander of the United States Pacific Command, and
26 the Hawaii Department of Defense, Civil Defense Division.
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