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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND KAUAI DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO IDENTIFY AND  
RECOMMEND METHODS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT  
CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS ALONG THE KAUMUALII HIGHWAY.

1           WHEREAS, the Kaumualii Highway is a thirty-three-mile  
2 roadway in the County of Kauai that stretches from the  
3 intersection of Kuhio Highway and Rice Street to Lio Road,  
4 passing through the communities of Lihue, Omao, Koloa, Kalaheo,  
5 and Waimea, among others; and  
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7           WHEREAS, Kauai's economy is a combination of agriculture,  
8 business, construction, education, state and local government,  
9 technology and defense, and tourism; and  
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11           WHEREAS, according to a list provided by InfoGroup of the  
12 largest employers in the County of Kauai, seventeen of the  
13 county's fifty-two largest employers are located in communities  
14 near the Kaumualii Highway, including Koloa, Poipu, and Waimea;  
15 and  
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17           WHEREAS, although not included in InfoGroup's list, the  
18 Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands is one of Kauai's  
19 largest employers, with nearly one thousand active duty Navy and  
20 government personnel, civil service and contract civilians, and  
21 Hawaii Air National Guard members employed by the facility, and  
22 is located approximately one-fifth of a mile south of the  
23 Kaumualii Highway on the western shore of Kauai; and  
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25           WHEREAS, according to data provided by Statistical Atlas,  
26 Kalaheo has the fourth largest population in Kauai County; and  
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28           WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau, the  
29 population in Kauai County increased by 7.5 percent between  
30 April 1, 2010, and July 1, 2018; and



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1           WHEREAS, according to the 2018 State of Hawaii Data Book,  
2 the number of vehicle registrations in the County of Kauai  
3 increased by fifteen percent between 2010 and 2018, and the  
4 twenty-four-hour traffic volume in certain survey sites in the  
5 county increased between 2012 and 2018 by approximately ten  
6 percent in Waimea and thirteen percent in Omao; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the County of Kauai's growing population and the  
9 presence of numerous large employers near the Kaumualii Highway  
10 necessitate a collaborative effort by the State and county to  
11 develop methods to alleviate traffic congestion along and  
12 enhance the reliability of the Kaumualii Highway; now,  
13 therefore,  
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15           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
16 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
17 2020, that the Department of Transportation and Kauai Department  
18 of Public Works are requested to conduct a joint study to  
19 identify and recommend methods to alleviate traffic congestion  
20 at the following intersections located in the County of Kauai:  
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22           (1) Kaumualii Highway and Opu Road; and  
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24           (2) Kaumualii Highway and Maluhia Road; and  
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26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study is requested to  
27 include a timeline and estimated costs to implement the  
28 Department of Transportation and Kauai Department of Public  
29 Works' recommendations; and  
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31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
32 Transportation and Kauai Department of Public Works are also  
33 requested to submit a joint report of their findings and  
34 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
35 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
36 the Regular Session of 2021; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and  
 3 County Engineer of the Kauai Department of Public Works.  
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