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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE, 19⁸³
STATE OF HAWAII

H. R. NO. 345

HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE TRANSFER OF INTERSTATE H-3 FREEWAY FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the H-3 freeway will cost \$741 million to complete, with the State of Hawaii spending \$150 million on construction including interest payments on bonds and \$1.9 million per annum on maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Transportation admits that traffic on the Pali and Likelike Highways will not change when H-3 is completed; and

WHEREAS, the construction of H-3 will have an adverse socio-economic impact on the population of rural windward Oahu, causing displacement and disruption of family and social ties and the kuleana lifestyle with concomitant problems such as increasing mental illness, crime, and welfare dependency; and

WHEREAS, H-3 may endanger water sources in the Koolau mountains; and

WHEREAS, the collocation of H-3 and the Omega Navigational Station creates a potential health hazard to construction workers and highway users from exposure to electro-magnetic radiation and electric shock; and

WHEREAS, H-3 will permanently destroy the natural habitats of Hawaiian flora and fauna, disturb the wilderness park at Hoomaluhia and scar Haiku Valley with its tunnels and elevated freestanding viaducts; and

WHEREAS, despite these enormous costs to the people of Hawaii, H-3 will not address the current transportation needs of Oahu; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu no longer plans the kind of development in windward Oahu that H-3 was originally designed to accomodate; and

WHEREAS, all the federal funds for H-3 are transferable to other projects because all necessary provisions have been met; and

WHEREAS, these funds may be used for a wide variety of highway construction projects including improvements to H-1, the Pali and Likelike Highways and other intrastate routes, and the construction of a two-lane reversible highway connecting Kahekili Highway with H-1 following the current alignment of Likelike Highway; and

WHEREAS, these funds may also be used for developing, improving, or purchasing public mass transit facilities or equipment such as rolling stock or buses; and

WHEREAS, these alternative uses of funds will better meet Oahu's traffic needs and also provide jobs and economic benefits without the adverse social, economic, and environmental effects of H-3; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for such substitute projects to be underway is September 30, 1983; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twelfth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1983, that the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization request the withdrawal of H-3; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above agencies request the transfer of H-3 funds to a viable set of alternatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Congressional delegation be requested to direct their efforts to insuring the availability of the H-3 funds for these alternatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, the Director of the State Department of Transportation, the Director of the City and County Department of Transportation Services, the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Hawaii Congressional delegation.

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