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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK WITH  
STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP A HOLISTIC MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT  
WILL ENSURE HANA HIGHWAY IS PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND IS SAFE  
FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

1 WHEREAS, in 2000, in recognition of its status an  
2 internationally renowned roadway, former U.S. President Bill  
3 Clinton designated Hana Highway as the Hana Millennium Legacy  
4 Trail; and

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6 WHEREAS, in 2001 Hana Highway was listed on the National  
7 Register of Historical Places; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Tourism Authority is tasked with  
10 attracting "responsible high-value mindful travelers" who will  
11 value the natural resources of Hawaii; and

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13 WHEREAS, Hana Highway is fifty-two miles long, with six  
14 hundred seventeen switchbacks, fifty-six one-lane bridges and  
15 several drops of more than one thousand feet, however it lacks  
16 adequate guard rails; and

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18 WHEREAS, approximately a half mile past the six-mile marker  
19 is a sharp U-curve in the road, going uphill along one-lane,  
20 with a brick wall on one side, with virtually no space to safely  
21 maneuver around other vehicles on the roadway and often steep  
22 drop offs; and

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24 WHEREAS, emergency medical technicians working at station  
25 medic six in Hana have testified as to the "extreme increase in  
26 the number of cars" that have led to delays for the only  
27 ambulance in East Maui, which is responsible for transporting  
28 patients to Maui Memorial Medical Center or responding to  
29 emergency calls in the community; and



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2 WHEREAS, these delays have been associated with increased  
3 visitor traffic, a lack of visitor knowledge, and rental cars  
4 not pulling over to make way for the emergency vehicles; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the increase in traffic in Hana has also led to an  
7 increase in the need for emergency services for visitors, who  
8 reportedly need rescuing because they are wearing improper  
9 footwear or they have no idea how to manage the trail, which  
10 increases the number of patients requiring emergency evacuation  
11 utilizing Hana Highway; and  
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13 WHEREAS, between June 1 and June 23 of 2021, the Maui  
14 Police Department issued three hundred eighty-nine parking  
15 citations and eighty-three warnings to violators on Hana  
16 Highway, between the towns of Haiku and Hana; and  
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18 WHEREAS, during Maui County Council meetings in 2021, a  
19 majority of those who testified expressed support for increased  
20 law enforcement on Hana Highway; and  
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22 WHEREAS, despite the community call for increased law  
23 enforcement, Maui Police Department reported that the Department  
24 is operating with fewer officers; and  
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26 WHEREAS, Maui Police Department has asked for assistance  
27 from the Sheriff Division of the Department of Public Safety and  
28 Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement of the  
29 Department of Land and Natural Resources; and  
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31 WHEREAS, the Chief of Police of the Maui Police Department  
32 has publicly stated that the Maui Police Department is "over-  
33 taxed and short-handed"; and  
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35 WHEREAS, due to the lack of law enforcement, much of the  
36 daily enforcement and safety efforts are being conducted by a  
37 civil volunteer group of residents, commercial ground  
38 transportation carriers and activity providers, referred to as  
39 the Hana Highway Regulation; and  
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WHEREAS, the Hana Highway Regulation civil volunteer group has been engaged in efforts to maintain and ensure roadway safety on Hana Highway since 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Hana Highway Regulation civil volunteer group published a "Code of Conduct" in 2017; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Hana Highway Regulation civil volunteer group initiated the Hana Pono Visitor Pledge and Hana Pono Commercial Operators Certification Program; and

WHEREAS, based on the five years of data gathered by the Hana Highway Regulation civil volunteer group, a report entitled "Road to Hana Problems and Solutions" was published, highlighting the group's progress and what they consider to be actions necessary to ensure the long-term viability of Hana Highway; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the Hana Highway Regulation civil volunteer group engaged in a pilot project with the Office of Economic Development of the County of Maui, referred to as the Road to Hana Visitor Information Personnel Pilot Project; and

WHEREAS, since the Hana Highway pilot project has been implemented, the Hana Highway Regulation civil volunteer group reports a ninety-six percent decrease in illegal parking and trespassing on private lands; and

WHEREAS, there has been historic difficulty in maintaining Hana Highway due to physical location, as well as the multiple parties owning adjacent lands; and

WHEREAS, in order to improve road safety for residents and visitors, it is necessary for the Department of Transportation to work with all stakeholders to ensure that Hana Highway is properly maintained and to ensure the safety of residents and visitors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Transportation is encouraged to work with the following to



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1 develop a holistic management plan that will ensure Hana Highway  
2 is properly maintained and is safe for residents and visitors:

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- 4 (1) The Department of Transportation of the County of  
5 Maui;
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- 7 (2) Hana Highway Regulation civil volunteer group; and
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- 9 (3) All large landowners whose properties are traversed by  
10 or accessible as a result of Hana Highway, including:
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- 12 (A) The Department of Hawaiian Homelands;
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- 14 (B) East Maui Irrigation Company, LLC;
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- 16 (C) Hana Ranch Partners, LLC;
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- 18 (D) Kingdom Come, LLC; and
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- 20 (E) Saint Mary's Church of the Roman Catholic Church  
21 of Hawaii; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
25 Transportation; Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission;  
26 Director of the Department of Transportation of the County of  
27 Maui; Administrator of the Hana Highway Regulation; President of  
28 the East Maui Irrigation Company, LLC; Ranch Manager of the Hana  
29 Ranch Partners, LLC; Manager of Kingdom Come, LLC; and Pastor of  
30 Saint Mary's Church of the Roman Catholic Church of Hawaii.

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OFFERED BY:

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