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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO COLLABORATE WITH THE KIHEI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KIHEI MAUKA ROAD PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Kihei Community Association (KCA), established 1 in 1960, is a nonprofit organization led by an all-volunteer, 2 elected board of directors, dedicated to promoting the 3 development and maintenance of Kihei as a desirable residential 4 5 community; and 6 WHEREAS, Kihei, a rapidly growing region in South Maui, 7 faces significant transportation challenges, including frequent 8 flooding and road closures that impact residents' daily commutes 9 and overall quality of life; and 10 11 WHEREAS, the KCA has been actively advocating for 12 infrastructure improvements to address these challenges, 13 emphasizing the need for alternative routes to enhance traffic 14 flow and provide reliable transportation options; and 15 16 WHEREAS, the proposed Kihei Mauka Road aims to offer an 17 alternative route to the frequently congested South Kihei Road, 18 thereby improving traffic flow and providing a reliable 19 transportation option for residents and visitors; and 20 21 22 WHEREAS, the KCA has identified the completion of the North-South Collector Road, including the Kihei Mauka Road 23 segment, as a priority for 2025, recognizing its potential to 24 enhance connectivity and support smart growth in the community; 25 26 and 27 28 WHEREAS, collaboration between state and county transportation departments and the KCA is essential to ensure 29 that the planning and implementation of the Kihei Mauka Road 30 align with community needs and sustainable development 31 principles; now, therefore, 32 33



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third 1 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, 2 that the Department of Transportation and Department of 3 Transportation of the County of Maui are requested to 4 collaborate with the Kihei Community Association in the planning 5 and implementation of the Kihei Mauka Road project; and 6 7 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this collaboration include regular consultations with the KCA to incorporate community 9 10 feedback, address environmental concerns, and ensure the project aligns with the Kihei-Makena Community Plan; and 11 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 13 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation, 14 Director of Transportation of the County of Maui, and President 15 of the Kihei Community Association. 16

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