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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROMPTLY UNDERTAKE THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SHARED-USE PATH ALONG KAHEKILI HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, a shared-use path for bicycle and pedestrian use along Kahekili Highway between East Hui 'Iwa Street and the intersection of Kahekili and Kamehameha Highways near the Hygienic Store would improve the quality of life for the community residing in Kahalu'u; and

WHEREAS, a shared-use path would provide:

- A safe route for our keiki to travel to school and to (1) the Kahalu'u Regional Park;
- (2) Recreational opportunities that promote healthy lifestyles; and
- (3) Options for residents to get around the Kahalu'u community without adding more automobiles and exacerbating traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation currently has a right-of-way along Kahekili Highway between East Hui 'Iwa Street and the intersection of Kahekili and Kamehameha Highways near the Hygienic Store that is wide enough to accommodate a shareduse path and any of the highway widening or contraflow options currently under construction; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation's capital improvement budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 includes \$1,600,000 for the design and construction of a shared-use path along Kahekili Highway; and

WHEREAS, the design and construction of a shared-use path could proceed expeditiously and could provide additional construction jobs during this period of economic recovery; now, therefore,

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 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, that the Department of Transportation is urged to expend the funds set aside in its capital improvement budget to promptly undertake the design and construction of a shared-use path along Kahekili Highway between East Hui 'Iwa Street and the intersection of Kahekili and Kamehameha Highways near the Hygienic Store; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.

OFFERED BY:

