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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO BEGIN  
CONSTRUCTION OF THE LEEWARD BIKEWAY BEFORE THE END OF 2016.

1 WHEREAS, the Leeward Bikeway is a proposed thirteen-mile  
2 paved multi-use path, eight to twelve feet wide with two-foot  
3 shoulders, to be constructed next to the former Oahu Railway &  
4 Land Company railroad tracks on the leeward side of Oahu; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the right-of-way for the Leeward Bikeway was  
7 transferred from the federal government to the State in 1980;  
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10 WHEREAS, the Legislature appropriated funds for the Leeward  
11 Bikeway in 1995; and  
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13 WHEREAS, Oahu residents voted, with 72 percent in support,  
14 to make Oahu more pedestrian and bicycle friendly on the 2006  
15 City and County of Honolulu Charter Amendment ballot; and  
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17 WHEREAS, community advocates have long pushed for the  
18 completion of a multi-use path linking the Pearl Harbor Historic  
19 Trail to Nanakuli to give leeward Oahu residents another  
20 transportation option to work and school; and  
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22 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has \$9,000,000 in  
23 funding programmed in 2016 for construction of Phase I of the  
24 project; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the historic Oahu Railway & Land Company is the  
27 custodian for the Department of Transportation; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has primary  
30 responsibility for the Leeward Bikeway's compliance with the  
31 National Historic Preservation Act, section 106 (Section 106),  
32 and has delegated the responsibility to coordinate with Section  
33 106 consulting parties to the Department of Transportation; and  
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35 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Federal  
36 Highway Administration are willing to work together to convene



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1 all Section 106 parties involved to expedite the conclusion of  
2 the Section 106 process so construction can commence; and  
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4 WHEREAS, this body encourages efforts to provide  
5 transportation alternatives to leeward Oahu residents; now,  
6 therefore,  
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,  
10 that the Department of Transportation is requested to begin  
11 construction of the Leeward Bikeway before the end of 2016; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.  
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OFFERED BY:









