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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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URGING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION TO SEEK GREATER FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTING BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATHS AND IMPROVING CURRENTLY AVAILABLE BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATH INFRASTRUCTURE.

1 WHEREAS, providing multimodal transportation options such  
2 as biking and walking improves access and mobility and  
3 contributes to a range of policy goals related to equity,  
4 health, economic development, and the environment; and  
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6 WHEREAS, Hawaii's year-round, beautiful, and mild weather  
7 makes biking and walking convenient and attractive modes of  
8 transportation; and  
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10 WHEREAS, while many individuals take advantage of Hawaii's  
11 mild climate and use biking and walking as healthy alternative  
12 modes of transportation, bicyclists and pedestrians face  
13 numerous dangers in their commutes including inattentive  
14 motorists and inadequate, decaying, or damaged infrastructure  
15 such as crumbling sidewalks or an altogether lack of pedestrian  
16 or bike paths; and  
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18 WHEREAS, lack of adequate pedestrian and bicycle paths, and  
19 decaying pedestrian and bike path infrastructure, can result in  
20 accidents and injuries occurring from collisions or falls,  
21 particularly among Hawaii's kupuna and keiki; and  
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23 WHEREAS, unfortunately, Hawaii has a high number of  
24 pedestrian and bicyclist accidents involving injury or death  
25 each year with twenty-seven pedestrian fatalities occurring  
26 statewide in 2017 and thirteen bicyclist fatalities occurring  
27 between 2008 and 2012; and  
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29 WHEREAS, although the State Department of Transportation  
30 and other agencies and organizations have made efforts to



1 promote pedestrian and bike safety, such as the Walk Wise Hawaii  
2 Program, additional efforts such as construction of more  
3 pedestrian and bike paths, and improvements to existing  
4 pedestrian and bike path infrastructure can also increase  
5 pedestrian and bike safety; and  
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7 WHEREAS, under previous administrations, improving  
8 pedestrian and bicycle safety has been a top priority at the  
9 United States Department of Transportation and the federal  
10 Department was committed to making walking and bicycling safer  
11 and more comfortable transportation options for everyone; and  
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13 WHEREAS, in 2015, the Federal Highway Administration  
14 provided approximately \$800,000,000 in federal funds and grants  
15 for pedestrian and bicycle projects across the United States;  
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18 WHEREAS, while the Federal Highway Administration has  
19 provided millions of dollars each year in funding for various  
20 pedestrian and bicycle projects, including funding for  
21 constructing new infrastructure and improving existing  
22 infrastructure, this funding may not continue; and  
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24 WHEREAS, while millions of dollars in federal funding are  
25 available for various pedestrian and bicycle projects, including  
26 funding for constructing infrastructure and improving existing  
27 infrastructure, Hawaii appears to be lagging in receipt of these  
28 federal funds and Hawaii should immediately pursue receipt of  
29 these federal funds while they remain available; and  
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31 WHEREAS, since federal funding for bike and pedestrian  
32 infrastructure construction and improvements is available, the  
33 State Department of Transportation and the transportation  
34 departments of each of the counties of Hawaii should seek  
35 greater federal funding for the construction of pedestrian and  
36 bike path infrastructure and for improving existing pedestrian  
37 and bike path infrastructure throughout the State; now,  
38 therefore,  
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40 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
41 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



1 of 2018, that the State Department of Transportation and the  
 2 transportation departments of each of the counties of Hawaii are  
 3 urged to immediately seek greater federal funding for the  
 4 construction of bike and pedestrian path infrastructure and for  
 5 improvements to existing bike and pedestrian path  
 6 infrastructure; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Department of  
 9 Transportation, in collaboration with the transportation  
 10 departments of each of the counties of Hawaii, are requested to  
 11 submit a report of actions taken to secure greater federal  
 12 funding, and if funding is received, the planned uses of the  
 13 federal funds, to the Legislature no later than twenty days  
 14 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and

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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 17 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and  
 18 the directors of the transportation departments of each of the  
 19 counties of Hawaii.

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