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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State of Hawaii
2 has no roadways honoring legendary civil rights leader Dr.
3 Martin Luther King Jr., despite the fact that streets in thirty-
4 nine other states and the District of Columbia are named after
5 Dr. King and there is an annual national holiday in celebration
6 of his birth. The legislature also finds that properly honoring
7 Dr. King in Hawaii is particularly significant given the mutual
8 admiration that has long existed between Dr. King and Hawaii's
9 people. In a 1959 address to the legislature Dr. King stated:

10 I come to you with a great deal of appreciation and
11 great feeling of appreciation, I should say, for what
12 has been accomplished in this beautiful setting and in
13 this beautiful state of our Union. As I think of the
14 struggle that we are engaged in in the South land, we
15 look to you for inspiration and as a noble example,
16 where you have already accomplished in the area of
17 racial harmony and racial justice what we are



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1 struggling to accomplish in other sections of the
2 country, and you can never know what it means to those
3 of us caught for the moment in the tragic and often
4 dark midnight of man's inhumanity to man, to come to a
5 place where we see the glowing daybreak of freedom and
6 dignity and racial justice.

7 In addition, in leading the famous voting rights march from
8 Selma, Alabama, to the Alabama State Capitol in 1965, Dr. King
9 and many of his fellow protestors wore leis provided by friends
10 and admirers from Hawaii who had encouraged him to continue the
11 effort to reach the capitol despite being rebuffed by violence
12 in earlier attempts. The legislature further finds that the
13 County of Maui hosts a Stone of Hope Monument on the Kalana O
14 Maui campus at 200 South High Street in Wailuku bearing the
15 following statement from Dr. King: "Freedom is never
16 voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the
17 oppressed."

18 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to rename High
19 Street in Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, Martin Luther King Jr. Street.

20 SECTION 2. High Street in Wailuku, Maui, shall be renamed
21 Martin Luther King Jr. Street.



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1 SECTION 3. The renaming of High Street in Wailuku, Maui,
2 shall not be deemed to affect any federal or state funding for
3 High Street or any other roadway.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

High Street; Maui; Martin Luther King Jr. Street

Description:

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