
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHWAYS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the integrity of
2 Honoapiilani highway, the main access road to and from west
3 Maui, has been compromised due to negative impacts from climate
4 change, erosion, and inundation. The legislature recognizes
5 that any plan to relocate the existing highway will require a
6 close and vibrant partnership between the State and the county
7 of Maui.

8 The legislature further finds that in response to the
9 damaging effects that the business practices of fossil fuel
10 companies have had on the county of Maui in general and on
11 Honoapiilani highway in particular, the county has initiated a
12 lawsuit to seek compensation from fossil fuel companies to fund
13 the relocation of the Honoapiilani highway. The legislature
14 additionally finds that it is in the best interest of the
15 State's residents and visitors to enable the county of Maui to
16 directly use any funds realized from its lawsuit against fossil
17 fuel companies to relocate and maintain Honoapiilani highway as



1 a scenic coastal route, and to allow the State to direct its
2 funds primarily for extending the Lahaina bypass as an alternate
3 high-capacity thoroughfare for west Maui.

4 The legislature also finds that state revenues are severely
5 diminished because of the COVID-19 pandemic and that without
6 these partnerships, the State will be unable to improve the
7 transportation infrastructure of west Maui. Furthermore, the
8 legislature finds that to convey all of Honoapiilani highway to
9 the county of Maui is excessive and that a more limited
10 conveyance will facilitate quicker relocation and restoration of
11 critical areas.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to convey ownership
13 of a portion of Honoapiilani highway from the State to the
14 county of Maui.

15 SECTION 2. The governor shall transfer the fee simple
16 ownership interest of route 30, Honoapiilani highway, from the
17 State to the county of Maui for use as a county highway, by
18 December 31, 2021. The department of transportation, in
19 conjunction with the county of Maui, shall identify the section
20 of Honoapiilani highway under threat of inundation and erosion



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1 for transfer from the State to the county for purposes of
2 relocating the highway to protect the coastal scenic route.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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Report Title:

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