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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONVENING A WORKING GROUP TO UPDATE PLANS FOR THE MAUNALUA-  
MAKAPUU SCENIC BYWAY AND CONSOLIDATE MANAGEMENT ALONG THE  
KAIWI COAST SCENIC SHORELINE.

1           WHEREAS, a 6.8 mile stretch of Kalanianaʻole Highway (State  
2 Highway 72) that runs through the Kaiwi coast lands and wraps  
3 around the eastern tip of Oahu between the communities of  
4 Maunaloa (Hawaii Kai) and Waimanalo has been designated the  
5 Maunaloa-Makapuu Scenic Byway; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the lands of the Kaiwi coast are an invaluable  
8 natural asset for the people of Hawaii, framed by dramatic  
9 mauka-to-makai views and natural landscapes; cultural and  
10 historic features; popular recreational areas; landmarks such as  
11 Koko Crater, Hanauma Bay, Makapuu Lighthouse, the lava tube  
12 known as Halona Blowhole; and the last wild and undeveloped  
13 coastal lands in east Oahu; and  
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15           WHEREAS, numerous community members and organizations such  
16 as the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board, Ka Iwi Coalition, Livable  
17 Hawaii Kai Hui, and many others have fought long and hard over  
18 many decades to protect and preserve this unspoiled area for  
19 future generations and secure the scenic byway designation; and  
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21           WHEREAS, a growing interest in this area of Oahu has  
22 brought a rapid increase in visitors to the Kaiwi coast, and  
23 without proper management, the area will inevitably become  
24 overrun by parking, invasive species, and commercial interests,  
25 or become subject to other future challenges; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the Kaiwi coastal area and the Maunaloa-Makapuu  
28 Scenic Byway is a patchwork of disparate landowners, managers,  
29 and conflicting jurisdictions; and



1 WHEREAS, collaboration between community organizations and  
2 government agencies is necessary to develop a plan to  
3 consolidate management to address these myriad issues, such as  
4 managing human impacts, preventing invasive species, and  
5 restoring the Wawamalu dune system, to better protect and  
6 preserve this area for future generations; now, therefore,  
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the  
10 House of Representatives concurring, that a Maunaloa-Makapuu  
11 Scenic Byway and Kaiwi coast working group be convened to  
12 develop a plan to address ongoing issues in the Maunaloa-Makapuu  
13 Scenic Byway and Kaiwi coastal area and consolidate management  
14 to better protect and preserve this critical resource for future  
15 generations; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maunaloa-Makapuu Scenic  
18 Byway and Kaiwi coast working group include the following  
19 members or their designees:  
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- 21 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
22 Resources, or the Chairperson's designee, to serve as  
23 co-chair of the working group;  
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- 25 (2) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's  
26 designee, to serve as co-chair of the working group;  
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- 28 (3) One member of the House of Representatives, to be  
29 appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
30 Representatives;  
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- 32 (4) One member of the Senate, to be appointed by the  
33 President of the Senate;  
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- 35 (5) Three representatives of different community groups  
36 that helped create the Maunaloa-Makapuu Scenic Byway  
37 and Kaiwi Coast Master Plans; and  
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- 39 (6) A member with knowledge of the cultural history of the  
40 area; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the co-chairs of the Maunaloa-  
2 Makapuu Scenic Byway and Kaiwi coast working group are requested  
3 to invite representatives of the City and County of Honolulu and  
4 any other parties to participate on the working group as  
5 necessary; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maunaloa-Makapuu Scenic  
8 Byway and Kaiwi coast working group is requested to develop a  
9 plan to:

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11 (1) Consolidate management of the Maunaloa-Makapuu Scenic  
12 Byway and Kaiwi coast area;  
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14 (2) Address unauthorized vehicular access in the Maunaloa-  
15 Makapuu Scenic Byway and Kaiwi coast area;  
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17 (3) Provide for safe and protected pedestrian and bicycle  
18 access across the length of the Maunaloa-Makapuu  
19 Scenic Byway through the Kaiwi coast scenic shoreline  
20 from Makapuu lookout to Hanauma Bay;  
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22 (4) Provide for proper signage, narratives, and education  
23 about the Maunaloa-Makapuu Scenic Byway and Kaiwi  
24 coast area and its history; and  
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26 (5) Take appropriate steps to preserve and protect the  
27 Maunaloa-Makapuu Scenic Byway and Kaiwi coast area in  
28 its wild and natural state, and to provide or limit  
29 access and manage visitors as may be necessary; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maunaloa-Makapuu Scenic  
32 Byway and Kaiwi coast working group is requested to submit a  
33 report of its findings and recommendations regarding the status  
34 and progress of plans to consolidate management and address  
35 ongoing issues in the Maunaloa-Makapuu Scenic Byway and Kaiwi  
36 coast area to the Legislature prior to the convening of the  
37 Regular Session of 2022; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Maunaloa-  
40 Makapuu Scenic Byway and Kaiwi coast working group serve without  
41 compensation; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maunalua-Makapuu Scenic  
2 Byway and Kaiwi coast working group be dissolved on July 1,  
3 2023; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
7 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Director  
8 of Transportation, and Chairperson of the Hawaii Kai  
9 Neighborhood Board.

