
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I TO UTILIZE THE DATA RESULTING FROM
THE 2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS TO ESTABLISH, IF ALLOWABLE, A
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF
HAWAI'I.

1 WHEREAS, the 2020 United States Census, once the results
2 become available, will provide critical data that lawmakers,
3 business owners, and many others may use to provide daily
4 services, products, and support for communities across the
5 nation; and

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7 WHEREAS, metropolitan planning organizations were
8 established to serve as a forum for collaboration among local
9 communities and government agencies and to direct federal funds
10 toward projects that increase access to opportunity and
11 prosperity through improved multimodal pedestrian, bicycle, and
12 transit options; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization is a
15 federally mandated government agency formed in 2016 by the State
16 of Hawai'i and County of Maui to facilitate the continuing,
17 cooperative, and comprehensive planning for federally funded or
18 regionally significant transportation systems on the island of
19 Maui with adequate and informed representation from the state
20 and county; and

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22 WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau
23 estimates from 2017, the population of the County of Maui in
24 2016 was 165,384, surpassing the federal threshold of fifty
25 thousand people needed to be considered an urbanized area; and

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27 WHEREAS, according to the same United States Census Bureau
28 estimates, the population of the County of Hawai'i in 2016 was
29 198,691, well surpassing the population of the County of Maui in



1 2016 and the federal threshold needed to be considered an
2 urbanized area; and

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4 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the policy board of
5 the metropolitan planning organization to make decisions that
6 are the result of the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive
7 transportation planning process and the organization's staff to
8 support and provide technical resources to the policy board; and

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10 WHEREAS, the County of Hawai'i does not have a metropolitan
11 planning organization; now, therefore,

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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
15 House of Representatives concurring, that the County of Hawai'i
16 is urged to utilize the data reported from the 2020 United
17 States Census to establish, if allowable, a metropolitan
18 planning organization for the County of Hawai'i; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the County
22 of Hawai'i and Councilmembers of the County of Hawai'i.

