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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND KAUAI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO IDENTIFY AND RECOMMEND METHODS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS ALONG THE KAUMUALII HIGHWAY.

1           WHEREAS, the Kaumualii Highway is a thirty-three-mile  
2 roadway in the County of Kauai that stretches from the  
3 intersection of Kuhio Highway and Rice Street to Lio Road,  
4 passing through the communities of Lihue, Omao, Koloa, Kalaheo,  
5 and Waimea, among others; and

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7           WHEREAS, Kauai's economy is a combination of agriculture,  
8 business, construction, education, state and local government,  
9 technology and defense, and tourism; and

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11           WHEREAS, according to a list provided by InfoGroup of the  
12 largest employers in the County of Kauai, seventeen of the  
13 county's fifty-two largest employers are located in communities  
14 near the Kaumualii Highway, including Koloa, Poipu, and Waimea;  
15 and

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17           WHEREAS, although not included in InfoGroup's list, the  
18 Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands is one of Kauai's  
19 largest employers, with nearly one thousand active duty Navy and  
20 government personnel, civil service and contract civilians, and  
21 Hawaii Air National Guard members employed by the facility, and  
22 is located approximately one-fifth of a mile south of the  
23 Kaumualii Highway on the western shore of Kauai; and

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25           WHEREAS, according to data provided by Statistical Atlas,  
26 Kalaheo has the fourth largest population in Kauai County; and



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1           WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau, the  
2 population in Kauai County increased by 7.7 percent between  
3 April 1, 2010, and July 1, 2019; and

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5           WHEREAS, according to the 2018 State of Hawaii Data Book,  
6 the number of vehicle registrations in the County of Kauai  
7 increased by fifteen percent between 2010 and 2018, and the  
8 twenty-four-hour traffic volume in certain survey sites in the  
9 county increased between 2012 and 2018 by approximately ten  
10 percent in Waimea and thirteen percent in Omao; and

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12           WHEREAS, the County of Kauai's growing population and the  
13 presence of numerous large employers near the Kaunualii Highway  
14 necessitate a collaborative effort by the State and county to  
15 develop methods to alleviate traffic congestion along and  
16 enhance the reliability of the Kaunualii Highway; now,  
17 therefore,

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19           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,  
21 that the Department of Transportation and Kauai Department of  
22 Public Works are requested to conduct a joint study to identify  
23 and recommend methods to alleviate traffic congestion at the  
24 following intersections located in the County of Kauai:

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26           (1) Kaunualii Highway and Opu Road; and

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28           (2) Kaunualii Highway and Maluhia Road; and

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30           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study is requested to  
31 include a timeline and estimated costs to implement the  
32 Department of Transportation and Kauai Department of Public  
33 Works' recommendations; and

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35           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
36 Transportation and Kauai Department of Public Works are also  
37 requested to submit a joint report of their findings and  
38 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
39 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
40 the Regular Session of 2022; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and  
3 County Engineer of the Kauai Department of Public Works.

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OFFERED BY:                     *M. N. M.*                    

**By Request**

