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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY
STAKEHOLDERS TO IMPROVE THE MAUNALUA-MAKAPUU STATE SCENIC
BYWAY AND DEVELOP A PLAN TO CONSOLIDATE MANAGEMENT ALONG
THE KA IWI COAST SCENIC SHORELINE.

1 WHEREAS, a 6.8 mile stretch of Kalanianaʻole Highway (State
2 Highway 72) that runs through the Ka Iwi coast lands and wraps
3 around the eastern tip of Oahu between the communities of
4 Maunaloa (Hawaii Kai) and Waimanalo have been designated the
5 Maunaloa-Makapuu State Scenic Byway; and

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7 WHEREAS, the lands of the Ka Iwi 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, and landmarks
11 such as Koko Crater, Hanauma Bay, Makapuu Lighthouse, the lava
12 tube 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, Liveable
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 Ka Iwi coast, and
23 without proper management the area will inevitably become
24 overrun by parking, invasive species, commercial interests, or
25 become subject to other future challenges; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Ka Iwi coastal area and the Maunaloa-Makapuu
28 State Scenic Byway is a patchwork of disparate landowners,
29 managers, and conflicting jurisdictions; and

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31 WHEREAS, collaboration between community organizations and
32 government agencies is necessary to develop a plan to
33 consolidate management to address these myriad issues, such as
34 managing human impacts, preventing invasive species, and



1 restoring the Wawamalu dune system, to better protect and
2 preserve this area for future generations; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
6 that a Maunalua-Makapuu State Scenic Byway and Ka Iwi Coast task
7 force be convened to develop a plan to address ongoing issues in
8 the Maunalua-Makapuu State Scenic Byway and Ka Iwi coastal area
9 and consolidate management to better protect and preserve this
10 critical resource for future generations; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maunalua-Makapuu Scenic
13 Byway and Ka Iwi Coast task force be comprised of the following
14 members or their designees:

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16 (1) The Director of Transportation, who shall serve as co-
17 chair;
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19 (2) The Chairperson of the Senate Committee on
20 Transportation, who shall serve as co-chair;
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22 (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
23 Resources; and
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25 (4) Three representatives of different community groups
26 who helped create the Maunalua-Makapuu Scenic Byway
27 and Ka Iwi Coast Master Plans; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the co-chairs of the Maunalua-
30 Makapuu Scenic Byway and Ka Iwi Coast task force are requested
31 to invite any other parties to participate on the task force as
32 necessary; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maunalua-Makapuu State
35 Scenic Byway and Ka Iwi Coast task force is requested to develop
36 a plan to:

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38 (1) Consolidate management of the Maunalua-Makapuu State
39 Scenic Byway and Ka Iwi coastal area;
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41 (2) Address unauthorized vehicular access in the Maunalua-
42 Makapuu State Scenic Byway and Ka Iwi coastal area;



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- 2 (3) Provide for safe and protected pedestrian and bicycle
- 3 access across the Maunalua-Makapuu State Scenic Byway
- 4 through the Ka Iwi Coast Scenic Shoreline from Makapuu
- 5 lookout to Hanauma Bay;
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- 7 (4) Provide for proper signage, narrative, and education
- 8 about the Maunalua-Makapuu State Scenic Byway and Ka
- 9 Iwi coastal area and its history; and
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- 11 (5) Make any other improvements to the area as may be
- 12 necessary to preserve, protect, and provide
- 13 appropriate access to the Maunalua-Makapuu State
- 14 Scenic Byway and Ka Iwi coastal area as may be
- 15 necessary; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maunalua-Makapuu State
 18 Scenic Byway and Ka Iwi Coast task force is requested to submit
 19 a report of its findings and recommendations including any
 20 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
 21 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2022,
 22 regarding the status and progress of their plan to consolidate
 23 management and address ongoing issues in the Maunalua-Makapuu
 24 State Scenic Byway and Ka Iwi coastal area; and

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 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Maunalua-
 27 Makapuu State Scenic Byway and Ka Iwi Coast task force serve
 28 without compensation; and

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 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 31 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of
 32 Transportation, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
 33 Resources, and Chairperson of the Hawaii Kai No. 1 Neighborhood
 34 Board.

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