
SENATE 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 have 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, 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 Kaiwi 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 Kaiwi coastal area and the Maunaloa-Makapuu
28 Scenic Byway is a patchwork of disparate landowners, managers,
29 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



1 managing human impacts, preventing invasive species, and
2 restoring the Wawamalu dune system, to better protect and
3 preserve this area for future generations; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
7 that a Maunalua-Makapuu Scenic Byway and Kaiwi coast working
8 group be convened to develop a plan to address ongoing issues in
9 the Maunalua-Makapuu Scenic Byway and Kaiwi coastal area and
10 consolidate management to better protect and preserve this
11 critical resource for future generations; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maunalua-Makapuu Scenic
14 Byway and Kaiwi coast working group be comprised of the
15 following members or their designees:
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- 17 (1) The Administrator of the Division of State Parks, who
18 shall serve as co-chair;
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- 20 (2) The Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on
21 Transportation, who shall serve as co-chair;
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- 23 (3) The Director of Transportation;
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- 25 (4) Three representatives of different community groups
26 who helped create the Maunalua-Makapuu Scenic Byway
27 and Kaiwi Coast Master Plans; and
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- 29 (5) A member with knowledge of the cultural history of the
30 area; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the co-chairs of the Maunalua-
33 Makapuu Scenic Byway and Kaiwi coast working group are requested
34 to invite representatives of the City and County of Honolulu and
35 any other parties to participate on the working group as
36 necessary; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maunalua-Makapuu Scenic
39 Byway and Kaiwi coast working group is requested to develop a
40 plan to:
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- 1 (1) Consolidate management of the Maunalua-Makapuu Scenic
- 2 Byway and Kaiwi coast area;
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- 4 (2) Address unauthorized vehicular access in the Maunalua-
- 5 Makapuu Scenic Byway and Kaiwi coast area;
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- 7 (3) Provide for safe and protected pedestrian and bicycle
- 8 access across the length of the Maunalua-Makapuu
- 9 Scenic Byway through the Kaiwi coast scenic shoreline
- 10 from Makapuu lookout to Hanauma Bay;
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- 12 (4) Provide for proper signage, narrative, and education
- 13 about the Maunalua-Makapuu Scenic Byway and Kaiwi
- 14 coast area and its history; and
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- 16 (5) Take appropriate steps to preserve and protect the
- 17 Maunalua-Makapuu Scenic Byway and Kaiwi coast area in
- 18 its wild and natural state, and to provide or limit
- 19 access and manage visitors as may be necessary; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maunalua-Makapuu Scenic
 22 Byway and Kaiwi coast working group is requested to submit a
 23 report of its findings and recommendations regarding the status
 24 and progress of plans to consolidate management and address
 25 ongoing issues in the Maunalua-Makapuu Scenic Byway and Kaiwi
 26 coast area to the Legislature prior to the convening of each
 27 Regular Session; and

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 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Maunalua-
 30 Makapuu Scenic Byway and Kaiwi coast working group serve without
 31 compensation; and

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 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maunalua-Makapuu Scenic
 34 Byway and Kaiwi coast working group be dissolved on July 1,
 35 2023; and

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 37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 38 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
 39 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Director of Transportation,
 40 and Chairperson of the Hawaii Kai No. 1 Neighborhood Board.

