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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE FLOODING ISSUES AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAMALAHOA HIGHWAY AND MELEANA PLACE ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

WHEREAS, there is well-documented flooding at the intersection of the Hawaii Belt Road (Mamalahoa Highway) and Meleana Place, on Hawaii Island; and

WHEREAS, flooding increased after completion in 1997 of the Konawaena School Offsite Highway Improvements Project (Job Number: P3222) in South Kona, which included the construction of a concrete rock masonry retaining wall along the makai side of Mamalahoa Highway and two rock walls on the makua side of Mamalahoa Highway; and

WHEREAS, flooding from the intersection and culverts designed to divert excess water from the roadway often overflow onto adjacent properties and Mamalahoa Highway after heavy rains, creating hazardous conditions for residents and drivers; and

WHEREAS, property owners adjacent to this intersection have experienced significant property damage from the intersection flooding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, that the Department of Transportation is requested to conduct a study of the flooding and safety issues and to prepare a plan to remediate the flooding issues at the intersection of Mamalahoa Highway and Meleana Place; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings and plan for remediation, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2022; and 3 6

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and Mayor of Hawaii County.

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