
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK WITH
STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP A HOLISTIC MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT
WILL ENSURE HANA HIGHWAY IS PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND IS SAFE
FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

1 WHEREAS, in 2000, in recognition of its status as an
2 internationally renowned roadway, former U.S. President Bill
3 Clinton designated Hana Highway as the Hana Millennium Legacy
4 Trail; and

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6 WHEREAS, in 2001 Hana Highway was listed on the National
7 Register of Historical Places; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Tourism Authority is tasked with
10 attracting "responsible high-value mindful travelers" who will
11 value the natural resources of Hawaii; and

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13 WHEREAS, Hana Highway is fifty-two miles long, with six
14 hundred seventeen switchbacks, fifty-six one-lane bridges and
15 several drops of more than one thousand feet, however it lacks
16 adequate guard rails; and

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18 WHEREAS, approximately a half mile past the six-mile marker
19 is a sharp U-curve in the road, going uphill along one-lane,
20 with a brick wall on one side, with virtually no space to safely
21 maneuver around other vehicles on the roadway and often steep
22 drop offs; and

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24 WHEREAS, emergency medical technicians working at station
25 medic six in Hana have testified as to the "extreme increase in
26 the number of cars" that have led to delays for the only
27 ambulance in East Maui, which is responsible for transporting
28 patients to Maui Memorial Medical Center or responding to
29 emergency calls in the community; and



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2 WHEREAS, these delays have been associated with increased
3 visitor traffic, a lack of visitor knowledge, and rental cars
4 not pulling over to make way for the emergency vehicles; and
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6 WHEREAS, the increase in traffic in Hana has also led to an
7 increase in the need for emergency services for visitors, who
8 reportedly need rescuing because they are wearing improper
9 footwear or they have no idea how to manage the trail, which
10 increases the number of patients requiring emergency evacuation
11 utilizing Hana Highway; and
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13 WHEREAS, between June 1 and June 23 of 2021, the Maui
14 Police Department issued three hundred eighty-nine parking
15 citations and eighty-three warnings to violators on Hana
16 Highway, between the towns of Haiku and Hana; and
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18 WHEREAS, during Maui County Council meetings in 2021, a
19 majority of those who testified expressed support for increased
20 law enforcement on Hana Highway; and
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22 WHEREAS, despite the community call for increased law
23 enforcement, Maui Police Department reported that the Department
24 is operating with fewer officers; and
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26 WHEREAS, Maui Police Department has asked for assistance
27 from the Sheriff Division of the Department of Public Safety and
28 Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement of the
29 Department of Land and Natural Resources; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Chief of Police of the Maui Police Department
32 has publicly stated that the Maui Police Department is "over-
33 taxed and short-handed"; and
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35 WHEREAS, due to the lack of law enforcement, much of the
36 daily enforcement and safety efforts are being conducted by a
37 civil volunteer group of residents, commercial ground
38 transportation carriers and activity providers, referred to as
39 the Hana Highway Regulation; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Hana Highway Regulation civil volunteer group
2 has been engaged in efforts to maintain and ensure roadway
3 safety on Hana Highway since 2016; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Hana Highway Regulation civil volunteer group
6 published a "Code of Conduct" in 2017; and
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8 WHEREAS, in 2018 the Hana Highway Regulation civil
9 volunteer group initiated the Hana Pono Visitor Pledge and Hana
10 Pono Commercial Operators Certification Program; and
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12 WHEREAS, based on the five years of data gathered by the
13 Hana Highway Regulation civil volunteer group, a report entitled
14 "Road to Hana Problems and Solutions" was published,
15 highlighting the group's progress and what they consider to be
16 actions necessary to ensure the long-term viability of Hana
17 Highway; and
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19 WHEREAS, in 2021 the Hana Highway Regulation civil
20 volunteer group engaged in a pilot project with the Office of
21 Economic Development of the County of Maui, referred to as the
22 Road to Hana Visitor Information Personnel Pilot Project; and
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24 WHEREAS, since the Hana Highway pilot project has been
25 implemented, the Hana Highway Regulation civil volunteer group
26 reports a ninety-six percent decrease in illegal parking and
27 trespassing on private lands; and
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29 WHEREAS, there has been historic difficulty in maintaining
30 Hana Highway due to physical location, as well as the multiple
31 parties owning adjacent lands; and
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33 WHEREAS, in order to improve road safety for residents and
34 visitors, it is necessary for the Department of Transportation
35 to work with all stakeholders to ensure that Hana Highway is
36 properly maintained and to ensure the safety of residents and
37 visitors; now, therefore,
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39 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
40 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
41 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
42 Transportation is encouraged to work with the following to



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1 develop a holistic management plan that will ensure Hana Highway
2 is properly maintained and is safe for residents and visitors:

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4 (1) The Department of Transportation of the County of
5 Maui;
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7 (2) Hana Highway Regulation civil volunteer group; and
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- 9 (3) All large landowners whose properties are traversed by
10 or accessible as a result of Hana Highway, including:
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- 12 (A) The Department of Hawaiian Homelands;
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14 (B) East Maui Irrigation Company, LLC;
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16 (C) Hana Ranch Partners, LLC;
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18 (D) Kingdom Come, LLC; and
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- 20 (E) Saint Mary's Church of the Roman Catholic Church
21 of Hawaii; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
25 Transportation; Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission;
26 Director of the Department of Transportation of the County of
27 Maui; Administrator of the Hana Highway Regulation; President of
28 the East Maui Irrigation Company, LLC; Ranch Manager of the Hana
29 Ranch Partners, LLC; Manager of Kingdom Come, LLC; and Pastor of
30 Saint Mary's Church of the Roman Catholic Church of Hawaii.
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