
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PREPARE A
PROPOSED LIST AND PRIORITIZE PROJECTS TO CREATE PEDESTRIAN-
SAFE ROUTES AND PATHWAYS THAT LEAD TO AND FROM PLACES OF
RESIDENCE IN SUCH A MANNER THAT ADHERES TO THE UNIQUE NEEDS
OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN POPULATION.

1 WHEREAS, independent living capabilities for Hawaii's
2 senior population continues to be an integral component for
3 health, longevity, and quality of life; and
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5 WHEREAS, the liberty of movement, travel, and matriculation
6 promote and increase a senior citizen's sense of individual
7 autonomy; and
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9 WHEREAS, access to pedestrian-safe walkways, pathways,
10 roadways, and other means of travel are essential for trade,
11 commerce, resource gathering, and economic activity; and
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13 WHEREAS, senior citizen pedestrians may have reduced
14 physical abilities requiring assistive mobility devices, along
15 with losses in hearing, vision, and reflexes that impede safe
16 travel along pathways; and
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18 WHEREAS, senior citizens may be more susceptible to slips,
19 trips, and falls due to elevation changes in walkways, pathways,
20 and on uneven or slick surfaces; and
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22 WHEREAS, in certain areas, senior living homes and
23 residences are located in close proximity to major thoroughfares
24 and highways, thereby increasing risk of personal injury and to
25 individual safety; and
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27 WHEREAS, senior citizens are more likely to need emergency
28 medical care when involved in traffic injuries with motor



1 vehicles and propelled devices and have a significantly higher
2 fatality rate in the State; 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 2022, the
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
7 Transportation is requested to create pedestrian-safe routes and
8 pathways that lead to and from places of residence in such a
9 manner that adheres to the unique needs of the senior citizen
10 population; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
13 Transportation is requested to work with legislators from each
14 community to create a proposed list of pedestrian projects and
15 prioritize their construction while incorporating statewide
16 transportation plans, regional transportation plans, and funding
17 opportunities as may be necessary for their construction; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
20 Transportation is requested to consider the scope of the
21 creation of the proposed list of pedestrian projects to be for
22 statewide implementation, include the development and
23 implementation of comprehensive safety protocols that identify
24 barriers to safe mobility for the senior citizen population, and
25 seek to provide educational resources to the public regarding
26 road and sidewalk safety; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
29 Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings
30 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
31 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
32 the Regular Session of 2023; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
36 Transportation.

