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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT
AND AUTHORIZE THE NAPILI BEACH PUBLIC ACCESS STAIR PROJECT.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is already experiencing the impacts of
2 climate change, including rising sea levels, extreme tides,
3 accelerated coastal erosion, and stronger, more frequent storms;
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6 WHEREAS, the old Napili Beach public access concrete
7 stairs, originally constructed in the 1980s, from headland to
8 the south end of the Napili Beach were seriously damaged by a
9 heavy south swell on Labor Day, 2017; and

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11 WHEREAS, while slightly damaged and slanted, the stairs
12 reopened in October 2017 for public use; and

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14 WHEREAS, in 2019, the Napili Bay and Beach Foundation
15 applied for and received a state grant-in-aid to replace the
16 older stairs with a more resilient, trex decking stairs, which
17 is open tread to allow seasonal ebb and flow of beach sand; and

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19 WHEREAS, the older stairs were completely destroyed in a
20 heavy south swell during July 2019; and

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22 WHEREAS, to mitigate some impacts from further coastal
23 erosion and south swells, the Napili Beach Public Access Stair
24 Project is proposed to be relocated at a location further away
25 from south swell impact; and

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27 WHEREAS, through a combination of grants from the
28 Legislature grant-in-aid and Maui County, demolition and
29 construction on the project began in November 2021, and the
30 public access stair project is expected to be completed in
31 February 2022; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Napili Bay and Beach Foundation is currently
2 experiencing constraints to secure a removal bond; and
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4 WHEREAS, despite prior approval and award of grant-in-aid
5 funds by the Legislature and Governor, the Board of Land and
6 Natural Resources has expressed concern that the Napili Beach
7 Public Access Stair Project may not be approved; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Land and
12 Natural Resources is requested to support and authorize the
13 Napili Beach Public Access Stair Project; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
17 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and
18 President of the Napili Bay and Beach Foundation.
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OFFERED BY: Rosalyn H. Baker

