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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO EXPEDITE WORK ON THE MAIPALAOA BRIDGE IN MAILI, OAHU AND IMPROVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SUPPORT ON THE WAIANAE COAST AND URGING VARIOUS ENTITIES TO WORK TOGETHER TO IMMEDIATELY OPEN THE SECTION OF THE WAIANAE COAST EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD SYSTEM EXTENDING PAAKEA ROAD OUT TO LUALUALEI NAVAL ROAD FOR PUBLIC USE ON A PERMANENT BASIS.

1 WHEREAS, Farrington Highway is the main route of travel for
2 communities of the Leeward Coast of Oahu and is the only public
3 highway that leads into and out of the region; and
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5 WHEREAS, on a daily basis, frustrated Leeward motorists are
6 caught in gridlock traffic conditions; and
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8 WHEREAS, Farrington Highway has experienced lane closures
9 or complete shutdowns on numerous occasions due to traffic
10 accidents, severe weather, and other emergency conditions; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Maipalaoa Bridge was last reconstructed in
13 1970 and is severely compromised due to years of deterioration;
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16 WHEREAS, a contractor was hired to complete the Maipalaoa
17 Bridge project, with an estimated completion date of spring
18 2022; and
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20 WHEREAS, the system of roads known as the Waianae Coast
21 Emergency Access Road System (WCEAR) consists of gated roads
22 that are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Emergency
23 Management of the City and County of Honolulu and can be opened
24 when deemed necessary or when requested by the Honolulu Police
25 Department; and
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27 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Legislature of the State of Hawaii
28 adopted House Resolution No. 125, urging the Department of



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1 Transportation to work in conjunction with the Departments of
2 Emergency Management and Transportation Services of the City and
3 County of Honolulu and Honolulu Police Department to analyze and
4 assess the possibility of using the WCEAR on a more permanent
5 basis; and
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7 WHEREAS, this body finds that there is a critical need for
8 an alternate route to bypass the Maipalaoa Bridge construction
9 area to alleviate aforesated circumstances; and
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11 WHEREAS, Honolulu's Joint Traffic Management Center can
12 manage traffic flow conditions, including major and minor
13 congestion and other incidents and events; and
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15 WHEREAS, connecting all of Waianae's vital traffic signals
16 to Honolulu's Joint Traffic Management Center will support a
17 proactive response to traffic operations on the Waianae Coast;
18 now, therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
22 that:
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- 24 (1) The Department of Transportation is requested to take
25 all necessary steps to expedite work on the Maipalaoa
26 Bridge in Maili, Oahu;
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- 28 (2) The Department of Transportation and City and County
29 of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services
30 are requested to work together to expedite the
31 connection of all vital traffic signals on the Waianae
32 Coast to the Joint Traffic Management Center;
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- 34 (3) The Department of Transportation is requested to
35 allocate additional resources to the Waianae Coast to
36 maintain, repair, and secure traffic signals and
37 sensors in a timely manner; and
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- 39 (4) The State of Hawaii, City and County of Honolulu,
40 federal entities, and private land owners are urged to
41 work together to immediately open the section of the
42 Waianae Coast Emergency Access Road System extending



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1 Paakea Road out to Lualualei Naval Road to be used as
2 a parallel route for the Waianae Coast on a permanent
3 basis; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Resolution be transmitted to the Division Administrator of the
7 U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway
8 Administration - Hawaii Division, Commander of Navy Region
9 Hawaii, Governor, Director of Transportation, Director of the
10 Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of
11 Honolulu, Director of the Department of Emergency Management of
12 the City and County of Honolulu, Chief of Police of the Honolulu
13 Police Department, and President of Pine Ridge Farms, Inc.
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