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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ALTERNATE EMERGENCY ACCESS ROUTES AND A SECOND BRIDGE TO SERVE THE HANAIEI, WAIPA, AND HA'ENA COMMUNITIES.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Islands have seen an increase in  
2 severe storm events; and

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4 WHEREAS, in Kauai County, events of flooding and landslides  
5 render Hanalei and surrounding communities extremely vulnerable  
6 to risks caused by severe weather events; and

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8 WHEREAS, in 2018, catastrophic flooding and landslides  
9 impaired access and isolated Hanalei valley for several weeks  
10 and the communities of Ha'ena and Wainiha for much longer; and

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12 WHEREAS, just three years later, in 2021, a landslide  
13 covered Hanalei hill and cutoff the entirety of Hanalei and  
14 surrounding communities from the rest of Kauai for approximately  
15 two weeks; and

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17 WHEREAS, these natural disasters and their impacts on  
18 access routes and infrastructure cutoff vulnerable populations,  
19 such as keiki and kupuna, from vital health services, including  
20 emergency health services, and disrupt the flow of critical  
21 goods and services, impairing businesses and livelihoods; and

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23 WHEREAS, an alternative route for ingress and egress in the  
24 event of natural disasters would provide an important evacuation  
25 route for residents and visitors in the Hanalei area; and

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27 WHEREAS, potential alternate access routes include the  
28 previous access road, currently used for electric utility lines  
29 and utility substation, and over United States Fish and Wildlife  
30 Service lands; now, therefore,

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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,  
34 that the Department of Transportation is requested to convene a



1 task force to conduct a feasibility study of alternate emergency  
2 access routes and a second bridge for the Hanalei, Waipa, and  
3 Ha'ena communities; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
6 Transportation, in convening the task force, is requested to  
7 seek participation and input from the following stakeholders:  
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- 9 (1) Hanalei Business Association;
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- 11 (2) Hanalei Watershed Hui;
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- 13 (3) Hanalei Initiative;
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- 15 (4) Hui Maka'āinana o Makana;
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- 17 (5) County of Kauai;
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- 19 (6) Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative;
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- 21 (7) United States Fish and Wildlife Service;
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- 23 (8) United States Geological Service; and
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- 25 (9) United States Army Corps of Engineers; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
28 Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings  
29 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation and an  
30 estimate of required appropriation amounts, to the Legislature  
31 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
32 Session of 2023; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
35 Resolution be transmitted to the Project Leader of the Pacific  
36 Islands U.S. Fish and Wildlife Office, Region 12 Regional  
37 Director of the U.S. Geological Survey, Honolulu District  
38 Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, members of the  
39 Hawaii congressional delegation, Governor, Director of  
40 Transportation, Mayor of Kauai County, Chair of the Kauai County  
41 Council, Director of the Hanalei Business Association, Executive  
42 Director of the Hanalei Watershed Hui, President of the Hanalei



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1 Initiative, Director of Hui Maka'āinana o Makana, and Chairman of  
2 the Board of Directors of the Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative.

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OFFERED BY:   
**By Request**

