
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PREPARE A
PROPOSED LIST AND PRIORITIZE PROJECTS TO CREATE SAFE ROUTES
FOR SENIOR CITIZENS LIVING IN HOUSING UNITS, RENTALS,
HOTELS, CONDOMINIUMS, AND RESIDENTIAL PLACES STATEWIDE.

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,
20 pathways, 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
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
29 vehicles and propelled devices, and have a significantly higher
30 fatality rate in the State; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
3 that the Department of Transportation is requested to create
4 pedestrian-safe routes and pathways that lead to and from places
5 of residence in such a manner that adheres to the unique needs
6 of the senior citizen population; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
9 Transportation is requested to work with elected legislators
10 from each community to create a proposed list of pedestrian
11 projects and prioritize their construction while incorporating
12 statewide transportation plans, regional transportation plans,
13 and funding opportunities as may be necessary for their
14 construction; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
17 Transportation is requested to consider the scope of this
18 request to be a statewide implementation of the aforementioned
19 subject areas, including the development and implementation of
20 comprehensive safety protocols that identify barriers to safe
21 mobility for the senior citizen population, and seek to provide
22 educational resources to the public regarding road and sidewalk
23 safety; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
26 Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings
27 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
28 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
29 the Regular Session of 2023; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.

