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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRIORITIZE
REMEDICATION OF THE FLOODING ISSUES PRESENT ON ROUTE 11
AROUND MILE POST SIXTY AS A SAFETY PROJECT.

1 WHEREAS, there is well-documented flooding on Route 11 near
2 Mile Post 60, on Hawaii Island; and

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4 WHEREAS, flooding frequently causes the highway to close;
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7 WHEREAS, Route 11 is a portion of Mamalahoa Highway that
8 acts as the main artery into the southern tip of the island, and
9 is also the only route that connects the two main towns of the
10 Ka'ū district; and

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12 WHEREAS, the closure of this highway poses a major safety
13 issue for the surrounding residents, being their lifeline to
14 medical services and an emergency evacuation route; and

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16 WHEREAS, the highway was constructed before 1962 and lacks
17 drainage elements within this low-lying section; and

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19 WHEREAS, Mamalahoa Highway has closed at least six times
20 since 2012 due to flooding; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Legislature has previously included funds for
23 maintenance of this highway in the budget and attempted to pass
24 remedial legislation; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has considered
27 installing flood monitoring systems and raising the highway as
28 much as ten feet and installing culverts; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
32 that the Department of Transportation is requested to prioritize
33 remediation of the flooding issues present on Route II around
34 Mile Post 60 as a safety project; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
2 Transportation is requested to submit a report detailing its
3 plan for remediation, including an estimated budget, to the
4 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
5 the Regular Session of 2025; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and
9 Mayor of Hawaii County.

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OFFERED BY:

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