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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTY OF MAUI AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO PRIORITIZE AND EXPEDITE THE PLANNING, FUNDING, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT REPLACEMENT FOR THE KULANIHAKOI BRIDGE.

1 WHEREAS, the Kulanihakoi Bridge, located in South Maui,  
2 serves as a critical infrastructure component, facilitating  
3 transportation and connectivity for residents and visitors  
4 alike; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Kulanihakoi Bridge was first constructed in  
7 1911 and consisted of four individual reinforced concrete box  
8 culverts, which were paved in the 1930's, making the foundation  
9 of the bridge one hundred fourteen years old; and

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11 WHEREAS, in 2018, plans were initiated to replace the  
12 deteriorating box culverts at the Kulanihakoi River Gulch with a  
13 raised bridge to improve safety and resilience; and

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15 WHEREAS, the initial project faced significant challenges,  
16 including the revelation that proposed temporary road crossings  
17 mauka of the South Kihei Road were not permissible under  
18 existing flood development regulations, leading to project  
19 delays and the need for redesign; and

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21 WHEREAS, community organizations, such as the Kihei  
22 Community Association, have long advocated for a more  
23 cost-effective and improved solution to replace the deteriorated  
24 box culverts in the Kulanihakoi River Gulch with a raised  
25 bridge, eliminating the need for temporary structures in the  
26 riverbed; and

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28 WHEREAS, the current temporary construction solution at the  
29 Kulanihakoi Bridge may not provide the necessary long-term



1 reliability and safety required for the region's infrastructure  
2 needs; and

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4 WHEREAS, a permanent replacement of the Kulanihakoi Bridge  
5 would enhance transportation safety, improve flood management,  
6 and support the economic vitality of South Maui; and

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8 WHEREAS, collaboration between the County of Maui and the  
9 United States Army Corps of Engineers is essential to design and  
10 implement a permanent bridge solution that meets federal, state,  
11 and local standards; now, therefore,

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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
14 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
15 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the County of Maui and the  
16 United States Army Corps of Engineers are urged to prioritize  
17 and expedite the planning, funding, and construction of a  
18 permanent replacement for the Kulanihakoi Bridge; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the County of  
21 Maui and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to engage  
22 with local communities, stakeholders, and experts to ensure the  
23 new bridge design addresses environmental concerns, cultural  
24 significance, and community needs; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Commander of the  
28 United States Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Ocean Division,  
29 Director of Transportation, Mayor of the County of Maui,  
30 Chairperson of the Maui County Council, and Director of the Maui  
31 County Department of Public Works.

