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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO AUTHORIZE A PERCENTAGE OF TAXES
GENERATED BY THE GENERAL EXCISE AND FUEL TAXES COLLECTED BY
THE COUNTIES TO BE USED FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF
PRIVATELY-OWNED ROADWAYS THAT ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

1 WHEREAS, there are many private, non-dedicated, and
2 non-surrendered roadways throughout the State that are available
3 for use by the general public; and
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5 WHEREAS, while private roads are under the ownership of
6 private persons, the use of the private roads are not exclusive
7 to those private persons and are often heavily used by first
8 responders to respond to emergencies and by school buses for the
9 transportation of students to and from school; and
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11 WHEREAS, due to vehicle traffic, many of these roads have
12 deteriorated over time and because they are privately-owned, the
13 responsibility for the expensive maintenance and repairs falls
14 to the owner, even if damage was not directly caused by their
15 own activity or the activity of their invited guests; and
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17 WHEREAS, the owners of private roads often do not have the
18 resources to improve or correct deficiencies on these roads, and
19 while the counties have different policies relating to private
20 roads, generally they will not unilaterally repair or upkeep
21 private roads to county standards; and
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23 WHEREAS, it is critical that private roads that are open to
24 and used by the public become eligible for public funding for
25 maintenance and related investments that will ultimately
26 increase public safety and ease of transportation; now,
27 therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the counties are



1 requested to authorize a percentage of taxes generated by the
2 general excise and fuel taxes collected by the counties to be
3 used for the maintenance of privately-owned roadways that are
4 open to the public; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
8 Transportation, Director of Taxation, Mayor of the City and
9 County of Honolulu, Mayor of the County of Maui, Mayor of the
10 County of Hawaii, and Mayor of the County of Kauai.
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