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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTY OF MAUI AND THE MAUI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN EVACUATION ROUTE SIGNAGE PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI.

1 WHEREAS, the County of Maui is particularly vulnerable to
2 natural disasters, including wildfires, hurricanes, tsunamis,
3 and flooding, which necessitate clear and effective evacuation
4 plans; and

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6 WHEREAS, recent events, such as the 2023 Maui wildfires in
7 Lahaina, have demonstrated the need for better communication and
8 signage to direct residents and visitors to safe evacuation
9 routes during emergencies; and

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11 WHEREAS, other states and municipalities have successfully
12 implemented evacuation route signage programs to enhance public
13 safety and ensure efficient evacuations during emergencies; and

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15 WHEREAS, the State of Florida has developed a comprehensive
16 evacuation route signage system that includes clearly marked
17 routes, real-time digital updates, and public education
18 campaigns; and

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20 WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has implemented an
21 advanced evacuation route system that incorporates digital
22 signage, GPS integration, and multilingual emergency messaging;
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25 WHEREAS, studies have shown that well-marked evacuation
26 routes reduce confusion, save lives, and improve the efficiency
27 of emergency response efforts; and

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29 WHEREAS, an effective evacuation route signage program
30 should include standardized signage, multiple language



1 accessibility, digital and physical markers, and periodic public
2 education campaigns; and

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4 WHEREAS, a collaborative approach between the County of
5 Maui, Maui Emergency Management Agency, Hawaii Emergency
6 Management Agency, and Department of Transportation would ensure
7 that evacuation signage is strategically placed and maintained
8 for the safety of residents and visitors; now, therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
12 House of Representatives concurring, that the County of Maui and
13 Maui Emergency Management Agency, in conjunction with the
14 Department of Transportation and the Hawaii Emergency Management
15 Agency, are urged to develop and implement an evacuation route
16 signage program for the County of Maui; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the program is requested to
19 consider best practices from other states and municipalities,
20 including the use of standardized signage, digital integration,
21 and multilingual accessibility; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Maui and the
24 Department of Transportation are requested to collaborate with
25 emergency management agencies to ensure that signage placement
26 aligns with existing evacuation plans and infrastructure; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Maui is requested
29 to conduct public awareness campaigns to educate residents and
30 visitors about designated evacuation routes and signage; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
34 of Transportation, Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency
35 Management Agency, Mayor of the County of Maui, Chairperson of
36 the Maui County Council, and Administrator of the Maui Emergency
37 Management Agency.

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