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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO PRIORITIZE THE DEVELOPMENT AND
PLANNING OF THE NORTHERN TERMINUS OF THE KIHAI NORTH-SOUTH
COLLECTOR ROAD.

1 WHEREAS, the North-South Collector Road in Kihei, Maui, was
2 envisioned in the 1998 community plan to extend across the
3 entire Kihei region, providing a critical alternative route to
4 alleviate traffic congestion on South Kihei Road and Pi'ilani
5 Highway; and
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7 WHEREAS, over the years, residents and visitors of South
8 Maui have experienced increasing traffic congestion,
9 particularly in North and South Kihei, due to the limited
10 availability of north-south routes, resulting in frequent
11 bottlenecks and delays; and
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13 WHEREAS, the lack of alternative routes has led to
14 situations where car accidents or natural hazards, such as flash
15 floods, can severely impede mobility, leaving residents unable
16 to leave their neighborhoods and hindering emergency response
17 efforts; and
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19 WHEREAS, despite previous funding allocations, including a
20 notable \$25 million federal grant awarded in 2023 for the
21 extension of Liloa Drive, a segment of the North-South Collector
22 Road, progress has been limited, and the critical northern
23 terminus of the road has yet to be planned or identified; and
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25 WHEREAS, the absence of a defined northern terminus
26 undermines the intended purpose of the North-South Collector
27 Road as an integral connector facilitating efficient movement
28 into and out of the region, thereby perpetuating existing
29 traffic challenges; and
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31 WHEREAS, population projections indicate that Maui Island's
32 resident population is expected to grow from 129,471 in 2005 to
33 194,630 by 2030, with the Kihei-Mākena area anticipated to
34 experience significant growth, further exacerbating traffic



1 congestion and highlighting the urgent need for comprehensive
2 infrastructure planning; and
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4 WHEREAS, the completion of the North-South Collector Road,
5 including its northern terminus, is essential to accommodate
6 current and future transportation demands, enhance public
7 safety, and support the region's economic vitality; now,
8 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,
12 that the County of Maui is urged to prioritize the development
13 and planning of the northern terminus of the North-South
14 Collector Road; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Maui is requested
17 to collaborate with the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization,
18 Maui County Planning Department, and Maui County Council to
19 identify and designate the specific location for the northern
20 terminus of the North-South Collector Road, ensuring that it
21 effectively integrates with existing and planned transportation
22 infrastructure; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Maui is requested
25 to submit a status report on the planning and development of the
26 northern terminus of the North-South Collector Road to the
27 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
28 the Regular Session of 2026; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the County of Maui,
32 Director of the Maui County Planning Department, Chair of the
33 Maui County Council, and Executive Director of the Maui
34 Metropolitan Planning Organization.
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