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## SENATE 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.

WHEREAS, there are many private, non-dedicated, and  
non-surrendered roadways throughout the State that are available  
for use by the general public; and

WHEREAS, while private roads are under the ownership of  
private persons, the use of the private roads are not exclusive  
to those private persons and are often heavily used by first  
responders to respond to emergencies and by school buses for the  
transportation of students to and from school; and

WHEREAS, due to vehicle traffic, many of these roads have  
deteriorated over time and because they are privately-owned, the  
responsibility for the expensive maintenance and repairs falls  
to the owner, even if damage was not directly caused by their  
own activity or the activity of their invited guests; and

WHEREAS, the owners of private roads often do not have the  
resources to improve or correct deficiencies on these roads, and  
while the counties have different policies relating to private  
roads, generally they will not unilaterally repair or upkeep  
private roads to county standards; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that private roads that are open to  
and used by the public become eligible for public funding for  
maintenance and related investments that will ultimately  
increase public safety and ease of transportation; now,  
therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,  
that the counties are requested 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; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
3 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation,  
4 Director of Taxation, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu,  
5 Mayor of the County of Maui, Mayor of the County of Hawaii, and  
6 Mayor of the County of Kauai.  
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