
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO MINIMIZE RUMBLE STRIP
DIMENSIONS ON A SEGMENT OF KAMEHAMEHA V HIGHWAY ON MOLOKAI
TO REDUCE UNINTENDED HAZARDS.

1 WHEREAS, the safety of motorists on Hawaii's rural highways
2 is a priority of the State, and lane-departure warnings like
3 rumble strips are intended to be a vital tool in preventing
4 accidents; and

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6 WHEREAS, on Kamehameha V Highway on Molokai, specifically
7 the segment extending east of mile marker 9.5, the current
8 physical dimensions of the installed rumble strips have proven
9 to be overly aggressive for the specific location; and

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11 WHEREAS, while the original intent of these strips is to
12 enhance motorist safety, their excessive depth and vibration
13 have inadvertently fostered hazardous driving habits, as
14 motorists frequently swerve toward the shoulder or straddle the
15 centerline to avoid the jarring physical impact of the strips;
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18 WHEREAS, these unintended avoidance maneuvers create a
19 secondary hazard by pushing vehicles into the narrow shoulder
20 areas where cyclists and pedestrians are most vulnerable,
21 thereby counteracting the original safety objectives of the
22 roadway design; and

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24 WHEREAS, it is the desire of this body to maintain the high
25 standard of motorist safety and lane-departure notification
26 without inducing indirect hazardous behaviors or creating
27 excessive noise that degrades the quality of life for east
28 Molokai residents; and
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1 WHEREAS, engineering alternatives such as "sinusoidal"
2 rumble strips or "mumble" strips provide the necessary tactile
3 and auditory feedback to alert a drifting driver while remaining
4 shallow enough to discourage avoidance swerving; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
8 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
9 Transportation is urged to minimize rumble strip dimensions on a
10 segment of Kamehameha V Highway on Molokai to reduce unintended
11 hazards; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
14 Transportation is urged to modify the rumble strip
15 specifications to a reduced-dimension or sinusoidal profile
16 eastward of mile marker 9.5 of Kamehameha V Highway; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
19 Transportation, in its modification process, is requested to
20 prioritize a design that maintains the protective function of
21 the highway while reducing the conditions that may cause drivers
22 to intentionally deviate from their intended travel lane; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
26 Transportation and Maui County Mayor.

