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**HR 57, HD1 / HCR63, HD1
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DETERMINE AND CLEARLY DEFINE
JURISDICTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONOPOU BRIDGE AND TAKE
COORDINATED ACTION TO ADDRESS RELATED SAFETY, WILDFIRE RISK, AND
EMERGENCY ACCESS CONCERNS.**

House Committee on Water & Land

The Department of Transportation (HDOT) supports HR57, HD1 and HCR63, HD1, which urges the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and HDOT to clarify jurisdiction over Honopou Bridge and take coordinated action to address safety, wildfire risk, and emergency access concerns.

Honopou Bridge is a critical access route for East Maui. As highlighted in the resolution, current load limitations and unclear jurisdiction have delayed needed improvements, potentially impacting emergency response and evacuation capabilities.

HDOT supports clearly defining roles and advancing a coordinated path forward. The Department is committed to working with DLNR to provide technical assistance on engineering, access, and potential funding considerations to help implement practical solutions.

HDOT also supports the resolution's focus on community engagement, updated assessments, and a coordinated improvement plan to ensure safe and reliable access for residents and emergency responders.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.