
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHWAY SIGNS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The Hana highway has long been known as one of
2 the nation's most scenic highways. Considered one of Maui's top
3 visitor attractions, Hana highway is marked with spectacular sea
4 cliffs, roadside waterfalls, rural communities, and historic
5 one-lane bridges. The highway links east Maui rural communities
6 scattered along its byways. In 1999, a fifty-mile stretch of
7 the Hana highway was designated as a National Millennium Legacy
8 Trail, one of only fifty-two in the nation. The designation was
9 established by the federal government to protect historic roads
10 and trails throughout the United States. In June 2001, most of
11 Hana highway was added to the state register of historic places.

12 Hana highway has fifty-nine bridges and eight culverts that
13 are more than fifty years old. Most are one-lane bridges under
14 state jurisdiction. These historic one-lane bridges have been
15 given traditional Hawaiian names, whose origin and meaning are
16 not readily recognizable to non-Hawaiian language speakers.

17 The purpose of this Act is to provide for signs on each
18 bridge on the Hana highway, identifying the bridge by its



1 Hawaiian name and explaining the English meaning of the Hawaiian
2 name.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
4 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
5 read as follows:

6 "§6E- Signs for historic bridges on Hana highway. There
7 shall be erected upon each bridge on the Hana highway a sign
8 identifying the bridge by its Hawaiian name and explaining the
9 English meaning of the Hawaiian name."

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
13 the purpose of this Act.

14 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
15 department of transportation for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Report Title:

Hana Highway; Bridges; Signs

Description:

Requires the department of transportation to erect signs on Hana highway identifying each bridge by its Hawaiian name and explaining the name of the bridge in English. Appropriates funds.

