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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE ANE KEOHOKALOLE HIGHWAY  
EXTENSION, MID-LEVEL ROAD, IN THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I.

1           WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has identified  
2 the Ane Keohokalole Highway extension, mid-level road as a  
3 priority project; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the Ane Keohokalole Highway extension project is  
6 being coordinated with the County of Hawai'i, Department of  
7 Hawaiian Home Lands, and Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development  
8 Corporation; and  
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10          WHEREAS, the project involves a \$15 million procurement  
11 request to construct an extension of Ane Keohokalole Highway  
12 including new roadways, relocation and construction of new  
13 utilities, and other improvements; and  
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15          WHEREAS, the existing north-south traffic between the  
16 primary employment centers of South Kohala and South Kona is  
17 limited to the two arterial corridors of Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway  
18 and Mamalahoa Highway, which leads to long delays along both  
19 highways; and  
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21          WHEREAS, the Ane Keohokalole Highway extension is a mid-  
22 level road project that will help reduce traffic congestion in  
23 the Kealekehe region by providing an alternative to the  
24 presently existing routes; and  
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26          WHEREAS, the Ane Keohokalole Highway extension will provide  
27 direct access to two major affordable housing projects, which  
28 would allow residents to purchase affordable homes being  
29 developed by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (Villages of  
30 La'I Opuua, more than 700 homes) and Hawai'i Housing Finance and  
31 Development Corporation (Keahuolu project, 2,200 homes); and  
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1 WHEREAS, together, the two housing projects will help meet  
2 the need for affordable housing in the North Kona area, and  
3 simultaneously provide construction jobs to stimulate the Big  
4 Island economy; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development  
7 Corporation project alone is projected to generate \$500 million  
8 in construction-related wages while providing affordable houses;  
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11 WHEREAS, a petition has been signed by over 450 people over  
12 a four-day period in support of the Ane Keohokalole Highway  
13 extension project; now, therefore,  
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
16 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
17 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature expresses  
18 support for the Ane Keohokalole Highway extension project and  
19 requests the agencies involved in this project to proceed as  
20 expeditiously as possible; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
24 of Transportation, Chairperson of the Hawaiian Home Lands  
25 Commission, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Housing and Finance  
26 Development Corporation, and Mayor of the County of Hawai'i.  
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