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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A SCENIC BYWAYS WORKING GROUP TO SELECT POSSIBLE SITES STATEWIDE, INCLUDING THE PI`ILANI TRAIL ON MAUI, FOR PROPOSED FEDERAL DESIGNATION AS SCENIC BYWAYS.

1           WHEREAS, scenic byways are recognized as roads that  
2 incorporate and reflect noteworthy natural, historic, and  
3 cultural features of an area; and  
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5           WHEREAS, these scenic byways afford visitors a pleasurable  
6 experience as they travel the byways, while the economies of the  
7 local communities within which these byways are situated benefit  
8 reciprocally from visitor activity; and  
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10           WHEREAS, Congress established the National Scenic Byways  
11 Program in 1991 under the Intermodal Transportation Efficiency  
12 Act and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the National Scenic Byways Program is a voluntary  
15 program designed to help states protect and promote their scenic  
16 roads by which states apply for funding from the Federal Highway  
17 Administration of the United States Department of Transportation  
18 and submit nominations of certain roads for designation as  
19 scenic byways by the Federal Highway Administration; and  
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21           WHEREAS, for example, the state Department of  
22 Transportation initiated the North Kona Heritage Corridor  
23 Project on the Big Island with community input as a first step  
24 to establishing a state scenic byway designation for that area;  
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27           WHEREAS, in the early years of the 16th century, Pi`ilani  
28 Makua, the king of Maui, and his son, Kiha-a-Pi`ilani,  
29 constructed within a span of about five years a pathway uniting  
30 west and east Maui known as Alanui-Kike`eke`e-a-Maui, or the  
31 winding pathway of Maui, which proceeded clockwise around the  
32 northern coast of west Maui across the isthmus to Haleakala  
33 Mountain; and  
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1           WHEREAS, an eighteen-mile stretch of the pathway from  
2 Honokowai to Kahakuloa, known as Na Hono-a-Pi`ilani, or the  
3 Pi`ilani Trail, connects the six sacred bays of Pi`ilani, each  
4 with distinct Hawaiian names that reflect their uniqueness; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the six sacred bays of Pi`ilani consist of:  
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- 8           (1) Honokowai bay, or the "watering bay," which is a long,  
9 slight curve of calcareous beach sandstone, hard as  
10 rock, that extends into the sea about three feet deep;  
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- 12           (2) Honokeana bay, or the "cave bay," which is a deep,  
13 boxy recess where the sea has eroded a bed of red ash,  
14 coloring the water a murky red;  
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- 16           (3) Honokahua bay, or the "sites bay," which is a  
17 beautiful, peaceful, open, sandy beach now known as  
18 Kapalua that is a closed semicircular shape with long  
19 waves washing far up on the shore, ringed with palm  
20 trees and jutting black lava rock;  
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- 22           (4) Honolua bay, or "two harbors bay," which lies along  
23 the coast where winds are brisk and ironwood trees  
24 form windbreaks that bring fragrance to the air as  
25 their soft needles cushion the ground;  
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- 27           (5) Honokohau bay, or "bay drawing dew bay," which lies at  
28 the mouth of Honokohau Stream, Maui's longest stream,  
29 where the surface of the land slopes into the sea to  
30 meet Molokai. The nearly inaccessible waterfall at  
31 the head of Honokohau Stream drops 1,690 feet, making  
32 it the sixth tallest waterfall in the world and the  
33 second tallest in the nation after Yosemite in  
34 California; and  
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- 36           (6) Hononana bay, or "animated bay," which lies at the  
37 mouth of Hononana gulch where nearby rests a boulder  
38 alongside the road called Pohakukani, the "bell  
39 stone," which when struck with a rock, sounds like the  
40 ringing of a massive bell, but with a metallic timbre;  
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43           WHEREAS, there is great interest from the community to  
44 designate as a scenic byway the Pi`ilani Trail, the eighteen-mile



1 Heritage Corridor from Honokowai to Kahakuloa featuring the six  
2 sacred bays of Pi`ilani, to preserve the area and to provide  
3 access for the public; and

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5 WHEREAS, funding assistance is required to continually  
6 maintain scenic byways and to preserve their accessibility to  
7 the public; and

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9 WHEREAS, it is unrealistic during the current local,  
10 national, and global economic downturn to draw on state general  
11 funds to support worthwhile scenic byways projects; however, the  
12 Federal Highway Administration administers a fund to provide  
13 assistance to states whose projects qualify according to federal  
14 guidelines; now, therefore,

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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
17 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
18 of 2009, that the Office of the Governor is requested to convene  
19 a Scenic Byways Working Group to select possible sites  
20 statewide, including the Pi`ilani Trail on Maui, for proposed  
21 federal designation as scenic byways and to develop the  
22 federally required corridor management plan, as defined in  
23 the National Scenic Byways Program Interim Policy; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Governor is  
26 requested to include in the Scenic Byways Working Group  
27 representatives from the Departments of Transportation, Land and  
28 Natural Resources, and Business, Economic Development, and  
29 Tourism, relevant county agencies, and representatives from  
30 community groups residing in areas where proposed scenic byways  
31 are located; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Governor is  
34 requested to consult with and invite representatives from the  
35 Federal Highway Administration and any other relevant federal  
36 agency to participate in the deliberations of the Scenic Byways  
37 Working Group; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Governor is  
40 requested to act upon the findings and recommendations of the  
41 Scenic Byways Working Group by submitting:


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43 (1) Nominations of roads selected by the Working Group for  
44 designation as scenic byways; and

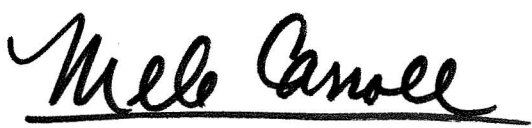


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 2 (2) Applications for federal funding to support the  
 3 promotion, maintenance, and repair of these roads,  
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 5 to the Federal Highway Administration of the United States  
 6 Department of Transportation; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Governor is  
 9 requested to report to the Legislature no later than twenty days  
 10 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010, on the  
 11 progress of the Scenic Byways Working Group and the status of  
 12 any application to the Federal Highways Administration for  
 13 funding and to designate selected roads of the State as scenic  
 14 byways; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 17 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Directors of  
 18 Transportation and Business, Economic Development, and Tourism,  
 19 the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the  
 20 mayor and chairperson of the council of each county, the  
 21 Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, and the  
 22 members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.  
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