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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT STATEWIDE  
COMMUNITY SCENIC BYWAYS EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR PROPOSED  
FEDERAL DESIGNATIONS OF SCENIC BYWAYS INCLUDING THE PI'ILANI  
TRAIL ON MAUI.

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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1           WHEREAS, there is great interest from the community to  
2 designate as a scenic byway the Pi'ilani Trail, the eighteen-mile  
3 Heritage Corridor from Honokowai to Kahakuloa featuring the six  
4 sacred bays of Pi'ilani, to preserve the area and to provide  
5 access for the public; and  
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7           WHEREAS, Hawai'i has many other scenic locations that may  
8 qualify for inclusion in the National Scenic Byways Program; and  
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10           WHEREAS, funding assistance is required to continually  
11 maintain scenic byways and to preserve their accessibility to  
12 the public; and  
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14           WHEREAS, it is unrealistic during the current local,  
15 national, and global economic downturn to draw on state general  
16 funds to support worthwhile scenic byways projects; however, the  
17 Federal Highway Administration administers a fund to provide  
18 assistance to states whose projects qualify according to federal  
19 guidelines; now, therefore,  
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21           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-Fifth  
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,  
23 that the Department of Transportation is requested to conduct  
24 statewide community scenic byways educational workshops for the  
25 purpose of identifying possible sites for inclusion in the  
26 National Scenic Byways Program, including the Pi'ilani Trail on  
27 Maui; and  
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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
30 Transportation is requested to consult with and invite  
31 representatives from the Federal Highway Administration and any  
32 other relevant federal agency to participate in the statewide  
33 community scenic byways educational workshops; and  
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35           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
36 Transportation is requested to act upon the public consensus  
37 derived from the educational workshops to make recommendations  
38 to the federal government of sites to include in the National  
39 Scenic Byways Program; and  
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41           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
42 Transportation is requested to facilitate the designation of

1 sites to include in the National Scenic Byways Program by  
2 submitting:

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4 (1) Nominations of roads selected by means of the  
5 educational workshop process for designation as scenic  
6 byways; and  
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8 (2) Applications for federal funding to support the  
9 promotion, maintenance, and repair of these roads,  
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11 to the Federal Highway Administration of the United States  
12 Department of Transportation; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
15 Transportation is requested to report to the Legislature no  
16 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
17 Session of 2010, on the progress of the statewide community  
18 scenic byways educational workshops, including the Pi'ilani Trail  
19 on Maui, as well as the status of any application to the Federal  
20 Highways Administration for funding and to designate selected  
21 roads of the State as scenic byways; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Directors of  
25 Transportation and Business, Economic Development, and Tourism,  
26 the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the  
27 mayor and chairperson of the council of each county, the  
28 Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, and the  
29 members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.