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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF MAUI, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO DETERMINE THE COST AND OTHER FACTORS RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FIXED-RAIL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM CONNECTING THE KAHULUI-WAILUKU AREA, KIHEI, AND LAHAINA ON THE ISLAND OF MAUI.

1           WHEREAS, the de facto population of the county of Maui  
2 increased thirty-five per cent from 128,094 in 2000, to 143,574  
3 in 2008; and

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5           WHEREAS, continued increases in the population exacerbate  
6 traffic congestion on a roadway network whose capacity was not  
7 designed to handle current roadway usage; and

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9           WHEREAS, Maui is in a unique position to develop a light  
10 rail plan prior to extensive development, allowing for a more  
11 cost effective plan that takes into account future development  
12 scenarios; and

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14           WHEREAS, Oahu provides a prescient example of the  
15 difficulties involved with introducing light rail to an  
16 overdeveloped area; and

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18           WHEREAS, the populations living in Kahului, Kihei, and  
19 Lahaina are the three densest in Maui county with the exception  
20 of Wailuku; and

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22           WHEREAS, for transportation purposes, Wailuku, which ranks  
23 third in population behind Kahului and Kihei, can be considered  
24 as a twin of Kahului -- the two contiguous towns are almost as  
25 one; and  
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1           WHEREAS, these towns are also among the favorite  
2 destinations of visitors to Maui and the roads connecting them  
3 are heavily traveled; now, therefore,  
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5           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
6 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
7 of 2010, that the County of Maui, in conjunction with the  
8 Department of Transportation, is requested to:  
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- 10           (1) Conduct a feasibility study to determine the costs and  
11 steps needed to construct a fixed-rail system of  
12 transportation connecting the Kahului-Wailuku area,  
13 Kihei, and Lahaina on the island of Maui;  
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- 15           (2) Identify various systems involving fixed rail as a  
16 means of transport for further examination; and  
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- 18           (3) Consider and examine all relevant potential issues  
19 such as land use, leasing or purchase of land, the  
20 exercise of eminent domain, environmental effects,  
21 disruption to existing traffic flow, as well as actual  
22 planning, engineering, and construction costs of the  
23 system with minimum and maximum number of stations on  
24 the line and their location, including an adequate  
25 supply of labor to carry out such a project; and  
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27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Maui is requested  
28 to report findings and recommendations to the Legislature and  
29 the Governor including:  
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- 31           (1) Final cost estimates;  
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- 33           (2) Detailed discussion of potential impediments to the  
34 construction of a fixed-rail system on Maui; and  
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- 36           (3) Recommendations to overcome these impediments;  
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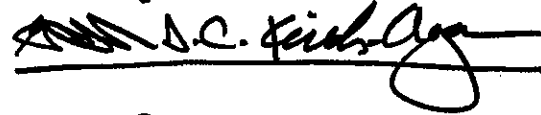
38 in an interim and a final report no later than twenty days prior  
39 to the convening of the Regular Sessions of 2011 and 2012,  
40 respectively; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation, the  
 3 Mayor of Maui County, the Chairperson of the Council of the  
 4 County of Maui, and the Director of the Maui County Department  
 5 of Transportation.

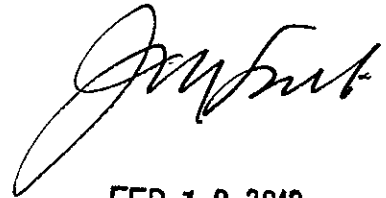
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