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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONTINUE WITH THE
KAMEHAMEHA REALIGNMENT PROJECT TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC IN THE
VICINITY OF LANIAKEA BEACH.

1 WHEREAS, Laniakea Beach, on the North Shore of Oahu, is
2 known for its turtle population and surf, and is a popular
3 destination for tourists and Hawaii residents; and
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5 WHEREAS, a two-lane section of Kamehameha Highway that runs
6 next to Laniakea Beach has become a traffic bottleneck, with an
7 estimated two million tourists using the road each year,
8 resulting in cars regularly backed up for miles on both sides of
9 the road; and
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11 WHEREAS, the traffic bottleneck presents safety hazards, as
12 people park their cars alongside the road and dart across the
13 highway to view the sights; and
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15 WHEREAS, in an effort to alleviate traffic, the Department
16 of Transportation is studying the feasibility of either
17 realigning further inland the section of Kamehameha Highway that
18 runs next to Laniakea Beach or constructing a bypass road in the
19 vicinity; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation's realignment
22 project is currently in the planning phase, with an
23 environmental impact statement being prepared by a private
24 consultant; and
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26 WHEREAS, the planning phase of the realignment project is
27 anticipated to be completed in late 2012 or early 2013, to be
28 followed by a design phase that will follow a schedule dependent
29 on the results of the environmental impact statement; now,
30 therefore,
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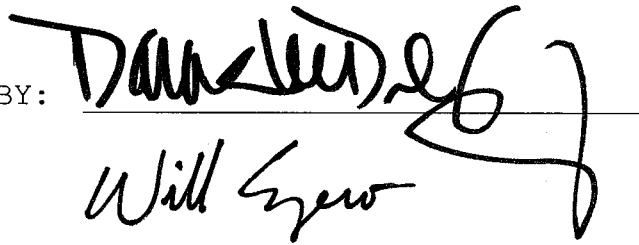
32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,
34 that the Department of Transportation is urged to continue with
35 the Kamehameha Realignment Project, Vicinity of Laniakea, and to



1 ensure that the project is held at a high priority as it moves
2 forward; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation;
6 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; Director
7 of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu;
8 Executive Director of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning
9 Organization; Chairperson of the North Shore Neighborhood Board
10 No. 27; and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Kamehameha
11 Schools.

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