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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO BEGIN
CONSTRUCTION OF THE LEEWARD BIKEWAY BEFORE THE END OF 2016.

1 WHEREAS, the Leeward Bikeway is a proposed thirteen-mile
2 paved multi-use path, eight to twelve feet wide with two-foot
3 shoulders, to be constructed next to the former Oahu Railway &
4 Land Company railroad tracks on the leeward side of Oahu; and
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6 WHEREAS, the right-of-way for the Leeward Bikeway was
7 transferred from the federal government to the State in 1980;
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10 WHEREAS, the Legislature appropriated funds for the Leeward
11 Bikeway in 1995; and
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13 WHEREAS, Oahu residents voted, with 72 percent in support,
14 to make Oahu more pedestrian and bicycle friendly on the 2006
15 City and County of Honolulu Charter Amendment ballot; and
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17 WHEREAS, community advocates have long pushed for the
18 completion of a multi-use path linking the Pearl Harbor Historic
19 Trail to Nanakuli to give leeward Oahu residents another
20 transportation option to work and school; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has \$9,000,000 in
23 funding programmed in 2016 for construction of Phase I of the
24 project; and
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26 WHEREAS, the historic Oahu Railway & Land Company is the
27 custodian for the Department of Transportation; and
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29 WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has primary
30 responsibility for the Leeward Bikeway's compliance with the
31 National Historic Preservation Act, section 106 (Section 106),
32 and has delegated the responsibility to coordinate with Section
33 106 consulting parties to the Department of Transportation; and



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 2 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Federal
 3 Highway Administration are willing to work together to convene
 4 all Section 106 parties involved to expedite the conclusion of
 5 the Section 106 process so construction can commence; and

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 7 WHEREAS, this body encourages efforts to provide
 8 transportation alternatives to leeward Oahu residents; now,
 9 therefore,

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 11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
 12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the
 13 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
 14 Transportation is requested to begin construction of the Leeward
 15 Bikeway before the end of 2016; and

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 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
 19 Transportation.

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