HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING MAUI COUNTY TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO INVESTIGATE AND ADDRESS AN INCREASE IN SUSPECTED ILLICIT ACTIVITY IN NORTH KIHEI.

WHEREAS, drug houses, or buildings where drug dealers and drug users buy, sell, produce, or use illegal drugs, are a danger to neighbors, homebuyers, law enforcement, and communities at large; and

WHEREAS, community concerns regarding drug houses and related illegal drug activity are based on verifiable evidence that drug production and use negatively impact communities, ruin lives, and strain police resources and the legal system; and

WHEREAS, the North Kihei area of Maui has been plagued by nearly nonstop suspected drug-related activity for a decade; and

WHEREAS, members of the impacted community have witnessed acts of aggression involving firearms, vehicle collisions, derelict vehicles and waste, myriad strangers entering the neighborhood for suspicious reasons, and other unseemly activity; and

 WHEREAS, members of the impacted community have contacted the Maui Police Department, the Hawaii State Judiciary, and various local and state elected officials to express their grave concerns and request action to address suspected illicit activity in North Kihei, all to no avail; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that Maui County law enforcement agencies are urged to take all actions necessary to investigate and address all suspected illicit activity in North Kihei; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Judge of the Circuit 3 Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, Mayor of the County of Maui, Council Chair of the Maui County Council, and Chief of Police of the Maui Police Department.

OFFERED BY:

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