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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EVALUATE KUAKINI HIGHWAY BETWEEN HENRY STREET AND KAMEHAMEHA III ROAD ON HAWAI'I ISLAND AND CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING TRAFFIC REDUCTION BY WIDENING THE HIGHWAY OR OTHER ALTERNATIVE MEANS.

1           WHEREAS, the island of Hawai'i is experiencing growth in  
2 population and as an effect, an increase in difficulties  
3 generated by a significant growth in traffic; and  
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5           WHEREAS, vehicle traffic on Kuakini Highway between Lako  
6 Street and Kamehameha III Road on Hawai'i island typically causes  
7 traffic jams lasting several consecutive hours in the mornings  
8 and evenings; and  
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10           WHEREAS, North Kona's population spiked by almost four  
11 thousand people to nearly forty-two thousand total from 2010  
12 through 2016, causing additional traffic on Kuakini Highway; and  
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14           WHEREAS, relieving the bottleneck where the Queen Kaahumanu  
15 and Kuakini Highways merge is necessary for the community's  
16 safety because of the amount of traffic that moves through that  
17 area; and  
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19           WHEREAS, easing traffic at one of Kona's most frustrating  
20 pinch points on Kuakini Highway between Henry Street and  
21 Kamehameha III Road is in the best safety and public welfare  
22 interests of the State; now, therefore,  
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24           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
25 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of  
26 Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
27 Transportation is requested to evaluate Kuakini Highway between  
28 Henry Street and Kamehameha III Road on Hawai'i island and  
29 conduct a feasibility study regarding traffic reduction by  
30 widening the highway or other alternative means; and



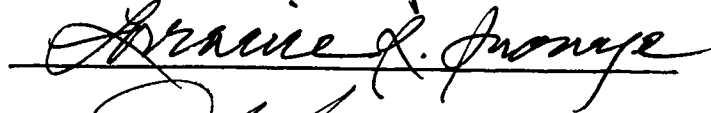
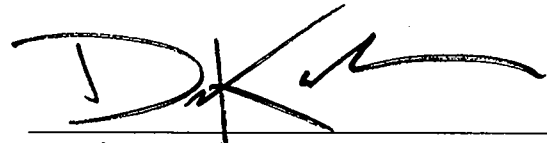
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in exploring other alternative means of traffic reduction, the Department of Transportation is requested to consider repainting traffic lanes from fourteen feet to ten feet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and Mayor of the County of Hawai'i.

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