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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTY OF HAWAII TO UTILIZE THE DATA FROM THE 2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS TO ESTABLISH, IF ALLOWABLE, A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the 2020 United States Census will provide
2 critical data that lawmakers, business owners, and many others
3 may use to provide daily services, products, and support for
4 communities across the nation; and

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6 WHEREAS, metropolitan planning organizations were
7 established to serve as a forum for collaboration among local
8 communities and government agencies and to direct federal funds
9 toward projects that increase access to opportunity and
10 prosperity through improved multimodal pedestrian, bicycle, and
11 transit options; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization is a
14 federally mandated government agency formed in 2016 by the State
15 of Hawaii and County of Maui to facilitate the continuing,
16 cooperative, and comprehensive planning for federally funded or
17 regionally significant transportation systems on the island of
18 Maui with adequate and informed representation from state and
19 county representatives; and

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21 WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau
22 estimates from 2017, the population of the County of Maui in
23 2016 was 165,384, surpassing the federal threshold of fifty
24 thousand to be considered an urbanized area; and

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26 WHEREAS, according to the same United States Census Bureau
27 estimate, the population of the County of Hawaii in 2016 was
28 198,691, well surpassing the federal threshold and the County of
29 Maui in 2016; and



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1 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the policy board of
 2 the metropolitan planning organization to make decisions that
 3 are the result of the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive
 4 transportation planning process and the organization's staff to
 5 support and provide technical resources to the policy board; and
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7 WHEREAS, the County of Hawaii does not have a metropolitan
 8 planning organization; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
 11 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of
 12 Representatives concurring, that the County of Hawaii is urged
 13 to utilize the data from the upcoming 2020 United States Census
 14 to establish, if allowable, a metropolitan planning organization
 15 for the County of Hawaii; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the County
 19 of Hawaii and Councilmembers of the County of Hawaii.
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