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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK WITH  
STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP A HOLISTIC MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT  
WILL ENSURE HANA HIGHWAY IS PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND IS SAFE  
FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

1 WHEREAS, in 2000, in recognition of its status an  
2 internationally renowned roadway, former U.S. President Bill  
3 Clinton designated Hana Highway as the Hana Millennium Legacy  
4 Trail; and

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6 WHEREAS, in 2001 Hana Highway was listed on the National  
7 Register of Historical Places; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Tourism Authority is tasked with  
10 attracting "responsible high-value mindful travelers" who will  
11 value the natural resources of Hawaii; and

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13 WHEREAS, Hana Highway is fifty-two miles long, with six  
14 hundred seventeen switchbacks, fifty-six one-lane bridges and  
15 several drops of more than one thousand feet, however it lacks  
16 adequate guard rails; and

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18 WHEREAS, approximately a half mile past the six-mile marker  
19 is a sharp U-curve in the road, going uphill along one-lane,  
20 with a brick wall on one side, with virtually no space to safely  
21 maneuver around other vehicles on the roadway and often steep  
22 drop offs; and

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24 WHEREAS, emergency medical technicians working at station  
25 medic six in Hana have testified as to the "extreme increase in  
26 the number of cars" that have led to delays for the only  
27 ambulance in East Maui, which is responsible for transporting  
28 patients to Maui Memorial Medical Center or responding to  
29 emergency calls in the community; and  
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1 WHEREAS, these delays have been associated with increased  
2 visitor traffic, a lack of visitor knowledge, and rental cars  
3 not pulling over to make way for the emergency vehicles; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the increase in traffic in Hana has also led to an  
6 increase in the need for emergency services for visitors, who  
7 reportedly need rescuing because they are wearing improper  
8 footwear or they have no idea how to manage the trail, which  
9 increases the number of patients requiring emergency evacuation  
10 utilizing Hana Highway; and  
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12 WHEREAS, between June 1 and June 23 of 2021, the Maui  
13 Police Department issued three hundred eighty-nine parking  
14 citations and eighty-three warnings to violators on Hana  
15 Highway, between the towns of Haiku and Hana; and  
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17 WHEREAS, during Maui County Council meetings in 2021, a  
18 majority of those who testified expressed support for increased  
19 law enforcement on Hana Highway; and  
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21 WHEREAS, despite the community call for increased law  
22 enforcement, Maui Police Department reported that the Department  
23 is operating with fewer officers; and  
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25 WHEREAS, Maui Police Department has asked for assistance  
26 from the Sheriff Division of the Department of Public Safety and  
27 Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement of the  
28 Department of Land and Natural Resources; and  
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30 WHEREAS, the Chief of Police of the Maui Police Department  
31 has publicly stated that the Maui Police Department is "over-  
32 taxed and short-handed"; and  
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34 WHEREAS, due to the lack of law enforcement, much of the  
35 daily enforcement and safety efforts are being conducted by a  
36 civil volunteer group of residents, commercial ground  
37 transportation carriers and activity providers, referred to as  
38 the Hana Highway Regulation; and  
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40 WHEREAS, the Hana Highway Regulation civil volunteer group  
41 has been engaged in efforts to maintain and ensure roadway  
42 safety on Hana Highway since 2016; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Hana Highway Regulation civil volunteer group  
3 published a "Code of Conduct" in 2017; and  
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5 WHEREAS, in 2018 the Hana Highway Regulation civil  
6 volunteer group initiated the Hana Pono Visitor Pledge and Hana  
7 Pono Commercial Operators Certification Program; and  
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9 WHEREAS, based on the five years of data gathered by the  
10 Hana Highway Regulation civil volunteer group, a report entitled  
11 "Road to Hana Problems and Solutions" was published,  
12 highlighting the group's progress and what they consider to be  
13 actions necessary to ensure the long-term viability of Hana  
14 Highway; and  
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16 WHEREAS, in 2021 the Hana Highway Regulation civil  
17 volunteer group engaged in a pilot project with the Office of  
18 Economic Development of the County of Maui, referred to as the  
19 Road to Hana Visitor Information Personnel Pilot Project; and  
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21 WHEREAS, since the Hana Highway pilot project has been  
22 implemented, the Hana Highway Regulation civil volunteer group  
23 reports a ninety-six percent decrease in illegal parking and  
24 trespassing on private lands; and  
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26 WHEREAS, there has been historic difficulty in maintaining  
27 Hana Highway due to physical location, as well as the multiple  
28 parties owning adjacent lands; and  
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30 WHEREAS, in order to improve road safety for residents and  
31 visitors, it is necessary for the Department of Transportation  
32 to work with all stakeholders to ensure that Hana Highway is  
33 properly maintained and to ensure the safety of residents and  
34 visitors; now, therefore,  
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36 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
37 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
38 of 2022, that the Department of Transportation is encouraged to  
39 work with the following to develop a holistic management plan  
40 that will ensure Hana Highway is properly maintained and is safe  
41 for residents and visitors:  
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# H.R. NO. 25

- (1) The Department of Transportation of the County of Maui;
- (2) Hana Highway Regulation civil volunteer group; and
- (3) All large landowners whose properties are traversed by or accessible as a result of Hana Highway, including:
  - (A) The Department of Hawaiian Homelands;
  - (B) East Maui Irrigation Company, LLC;
  - (C) Hana Ranch Partners, LLC;
  - (D) Kingdom Come, LLC; and
  - (E) Saint Mary's Church of the Roman Catholic Church of Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation; Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission; Director of the Department of Transportation of the County of Maui; Administrator of the Hana Highway Regulation; President of the East Maui Irrigation Company, LLC; Ranch Manager of the Hana Ranch Partners, LLC; Manager of Kingdom Come, LLC; and Pastor of Saint Mary's Church of the Roman Catholic Church of Hawaii.

OFFERED BY:

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