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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CREATE SAFE
ROUTES FOR SENIORS LIVING IN HOUSING UNITS, RENTALS,
HOTELS, CONDOMINIUMS, AND RESIDENTIAL PLACES STATEWIDE.

1 WHEREAS, independent living capabilities for Hawaii's
2 senior population continues to be an integral component for
3 health, longevity, and quality of life; and
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5 WHEREAS, the liberty of movement, travel, and matriculation
6 promote and increase senior's sense of individual autonomy; and
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8 WHEREAS, access to pedestrian-safe walkways, pathways,
9 roadways, and other means of travel are essential for trade,
10 commerce, resource gathering, and economic activity; and
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12 WHEREAS, senior citizen pedestrians may have reduced
13 physical abilities requiring assistive mobility devices, along
14 with losses in hearing, vision, and reflexes that impede safe
15 travel along pathways; and
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17 WHEREAS, senior citizens may be more susceptible to slips,
18 trips, and falls, due to elevation changes in walkways,
19 pathways, and on uneven or slick surfaces; and
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21 WHEREAS, in certain areas, senior living homes and
22 residences are located in close proximity to major thoroughfares
23 and highways, thereby increasing risk of personal injury and
24 individual safety; and
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26 WHEREAS, senior citizens are more likely to be in need of
27 emergency medical care when involved in traffic injuries with
28 motor vehicles and propelled devices, and have a significantly
29 higher fatality rate in the State; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
2 Transportation is requested to create pedestrian-safe routes and
3 pathways that lead to and from places of residence in such a
4 manner that adheres to the unique needs of the senior citizen
5 population; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
8 Transportation is requested to consider the scope of this
9 request to be a Statewide implementation of the aforementioned
10 subject areas, including the development and implementation of
11 comprehensive safety protocols that identify barriers to safe
12 mobility for the senior citizen population, and seeking to
13 provide educational resources to the public regarding road and
14 sidewalk safety; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
17 Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings
18 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
19 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
20 the Regular Session of 2023; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director
24 Transportation.
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OFFERED BY:  _____

