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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A TASK
FORCE TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ALTERNATE EMERGENCY
ACCESS ROUTES AND A SECOND BRIDGE TO SERVE THE HANAIEI,
WAIPA, AND HA'ENA COMMUNITIES.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Islands have seen an increase in
2 severe storm events; and

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4 WHEREAS, in Kauai County, events of flooding and landslides
5 render Hanalei and surrounding communities extremely vulnerable
6 to risks caused by severe weather events; and

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8 WHEREAS, in 2018, catastrophic flooding and landslides
9 impaired access and isolated Hanalei valley for several weeks
10 and the communities of Ha'ena and Wainiha for much longer; and

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12 WHEREAS, just three years later, in 2021, a landslide
13 covered Hanalei hill and cutoff the entirety of Hanalei and
14 surrounding communities from the rest of Kauai for approximately
15 two weeks; and

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17 WHEREAS, these natural disasters and their impacts on
18 access routes and infrastructure cutoff vulnerable populations,
19 such as keiki and kupuna, from vital health services, including
20 emergency health services, and disrupt the flow of critical
21 goods and services, impairing businesses and livelihoods; and

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23 WHEREAS, an alternative route for ingress and egress in the
24 event of natural disasters would provide an important evacuation
25 route for residents and visitors in the Hanalei area; and

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27 WHEREAS, potential alternate access routes include the
28 previous access road, currently used for electric utility lines
29 and utility substation, and over United States Fish and Wildlife
30 Service lands; now, therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
4 Transportation is requested to convene a task force to conduct a
5 feasibility study of alternate emergency access routes and a
6 second bridge for the Hanalei, Waipa, and Ha'ena communities; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
9 Transportation, in convening the task force, is requested to
10 seek participation and input from the following stakeholders:

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12 (1) Hanalei Business Association;
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14 (2) Hanalei Watershed Hui;
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16 (3) Hanalei Initiative;
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18 (4) Hui Maka'āinana o Makana;
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20 (5) County of Kauai;
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22 (6) Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative;
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24 (7) United States Fish and Wildlife Service;
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26 (8) United States Geological Service; and
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28 (9) United States Army Corps of Engineers; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
31 Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings
32 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation and an
33 estimate of required appropriation amounts, to the Legislature
34 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
35 Session of 2023; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Project Leader of
39 the Pacific Islands U.S. Fish and Wildlife Office, Region 12
40 Regional Director of the U.S. Geological Survey, Honolulu
41 District Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, members
42 of the Hawaii congressional delegation, Governor, Director of



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1 Transportation, Mayor of Kauai County, Chair of the Kauai County
2 Council, Director of the Hanalei Business Association, Executive
3 Director of the Hanalei Watershed Hui, President of the Hanalei
4 Initiative, Director of Hui Maka'āinana o Makana, and Chairman of
5 the Board of Directors of the Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative.

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8 OFFERED BY: _____

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By Request

