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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE SAFETY OF THE
BRIDGES ALONG HANA HIGHWAY.

1 WHEREAS, the Hana Highway is arguably the most popular
2 tourist attraction on the island of Maui and one of the most
3 popular in the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Hana Highway is one of the most congested
6 routes in the State, with recent estimates between one thousand
7 five hundred and two thousand rental cars and up to one hundred
8 multi-passenger tour vehicles on the route every day; and
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10 WHEREAS, the popularity among tourists brings problems such
11 as interfering with resident's ingress and egress, harmful
12 interactions with marine life, trespassing on off-limits
13 locations, and illegal parking in an unsafe manner; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Hana Highway is 64.4 miles long and passes
16 over fifty-nine bridges; and
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18 WHEREAS, the safety of both tourists and residents may be
19 at risk because of the condition of some of the bridges on the
20 Hana Highway; and
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22 WHEREAS, the United States government has passed an
23 historic infrastructure bill with a total investment of one
24 trillion dollars and allocates approximately forty billion
25 dollars for bridge repair, replacement, and rehabilitation; now,
26 therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
30 that the United States Department of Transportation is requested
31 to conduct an investigation into the safety of the bridges along
32 the Hana Highway; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the United States' Secretary of
3 Transportation, Director of the State of Hawaii Department of
4 Transportation, Mayor of the County of Maui, and the Director of
5 the Department of Transportation for the County of Maui.

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