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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, FEDERAL ENTITIES, AND PRIVATE LAND OWNERS TO WORK TOGETHER TO IMMEDIATELY OPEN THE SECTION OF THE WAIANAE COAST EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD EXTENDING PAAKEA ROAD OUT TO LUALUALEI NAVAL ROAD FOR PUBLIC USE ON A PERMANENT BASIS.

1 WHEREAS, Farrington Highway is the main route of travel for
2 communities of the Leeward Coast of Oahu and is the only public
3 highway that leads into and out of the region; and
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5 WHEREAS, on a daily basis, frustrated Leeward motorists are
6 caught in gridlock traffic conditions; and
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8 WHEREAS, Farrington Highway has experienced lane closures
9 or complete shutdowns on numerous occasions due to traffic
10 accidents, severe weather, and construction work; and
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12 WHEREAS, the system of roads known as the Waianae Coast
13 Emergency Access Road consists of gated roads that are under the
14 jurisdiction of the Department of Emergency Management of the
15 City and County of Honolulu and can be opened when deemed
16 necessary or when requested by the Honolulu Police Department;
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19 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Legislature of the State of Hawaii
20 adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 197 (2017), urging the
21 Department of Transportation to work in conjunction with the
22 Departments of Emergency Management and Transportation Services
23 of the City and County of Honolulu and Honolulu Police
24 Department to analyze and assess the possibility of using the
25 Waianae Coast Emergency Access Road on a more permanent basis;
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28 WHEREAS, in 2020, then Governor David Ige released
29 \$4,000,000 that had been allocated by area legislators to begin
30 work on opening the locked gates on Paakea Road in order to
31 create a parallel route; and
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S.R. NO. 53

1 WHEREAS, there is a critical need for an alternate route to
2 alleviate traffic and improve public safety; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,
6 that the State of Hawaii, City and County of Honolulu, federal
7 entities, and private land owners are urged to work together to
8 immediately open the section of the Waianae Coast Emergency
9 Access Road extending Paakea Road out to Lualualei Naval Road to
10 be used as a parallel route for the Waianae Coast on a permanent
11 basis; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Division Administrator of the
15 United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highway
16 Administration - Hawaii Division, Commander of Navy Region
17 Hawaii, Governor, Director of Transportation, Director of
18 Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu,
19 Director of Emergency Management of the City and County of
20 Honolulu, Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police Department, and
21 President of Pineridge Farms, Inc.
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OFFERED BY: _____

