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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Lower Puna  
2 district is a beautiful place to ride a bicycle, but  
3 unfortunately it is also one of the most dangerous. The  
4 construction of bicycle lanes will help improve traffic flow by  
5 giving bicyclists their own safe place on the roadway, while  
6 keeping motor vehicles in their respective lanes. By providing  
7 a safe place to ride, bicycle lanes encourage more riders to  
8 enjoy cycling, which has health benefits for the riders as well  
9 as for the environment by reducing air pollution and greenhouse  
10 gas emissions.

11           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
12 department of transportation to design and construct a plan to  
13 make Lower Puna one of the safest areas for bicyclists and  
14 motorists to share the roads. This three-phase plan is designed  
15 to provide for the construction of the following three bicycle  
16 lanes on public roads in Puna Makai:



- 1           (1) A bicycle lane along Highway 130 in Lower Puna,  
2                   beginning at the Pahoia traffic circle and continuing  
3                   down Kahakai Boulevard from its intersection with  
4                   Highway 130 in Pahoia Village to the ocean at Kahakai  
5                   Park, a distance of 7 miles;
- 6           (2) A bicycle lane beginning at the intersection of Kea'au-  
7                   Pahoia road with Highway 130, at the Kea'au High School  
8                   campus, to Pahoia Village Road, a distance of 10.1  
9                   miles; and
- 10          (3) A bicycle lane along Pahoia Village road to Kalapana, a  
11                   distance of 9.9 miles.

12           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   or so  
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
15 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
16 year 2024-2025 for plans, design, construction, and equipment  
17 for bicycle routes in Puna Makai on Hawaii island.

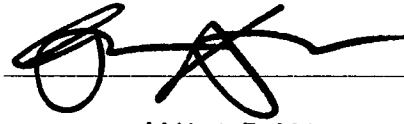
18           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
19 of transportation for the purposes of this Act.

20           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

DOT; Bicycle Paths; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the department of transportation for bicycle paths in Lower Puna.

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