
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRIORITIZE
REMEDICATION OF THE FLOODING ISSUES PRESENT ON ROUTE 11
AROUND MILE POST SIXTY AS A SAFETY PROJECT.

1 WHEREAS, there is well-documented flooding on Route 11 near
2 Mile Post 60, on Hawaii Island; and

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4 WHEREAS, flooding frequently causes the highway to close;
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7 WHEREAS, Route 11 is a portion of Mamalahoa Highway that
8 acts as the main artery into the southern tip of the island, and
9 is also the only route that connects the two main towns of the
10 Ka'ū district; and

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12 WHEREAS, the closure of this highway poses a major safety
13 issue for the surrounding residents, being their lifeline to
14 medical services and an emergency evacuation route; and

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16 WHEREAS, the highway was constructed before 1962 and lacks
17 drainage elements within this low-lying section; and

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19 WHEREAS, Mamalahoa Highway has closed at least six times
20 since 2012 due to flooding; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Legislature has previously included funds for
23 maintenance of this highway in the budget and attempted to pass
24 remedial legislation; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has considered
27 installing flood monitoring systems and raising the highway as
28 much as ten feet and installing culverts; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
2 Transportation is requested to prioritize remediation of the
3 flooding issues present on Route 11 around Mile Post 60 as a
4 safety project; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
7 Transportation is requested to submit a report detailing its
8 plan for remediation, including an estimated budget, to the
9 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
10 the Regular Session of 2025; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
14 Transportation and Mayor of Hawaii County.

