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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK WITH THE CITY  
AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT OPTIONS FOR  
ALTERNATIVE INGRESS AND EGRESS ROUTES IN PACIFIC PALISADES.

1           WHEREAS, maintaining emergency access roads that provide  
2 more than one way in and out of a developed area is essential to  
3 public safety; and  
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5           WHEREAS, unobstructed access for emergency vehicles is  
6 necessary to reduce response times, which are critical in  
7 lifesaving situations; and  
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9           WHEREAS, best practices for emergency preparedness require  
10 more than one evacuation route; and  
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12           WHEREAS, emergency preparedness, evacuation plans, and  
13 traffic mitigation were all mentioned among findings and  
14 recommendations of the Lahaina Wildfire Interim Schools Working  
15 Group; and  
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17           WHEREAS, the recent devastating Maui wildfires revealed the  
18 importance of evacuation routes featuring more than one point of  
19 ingress and egress; and  
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21           WHEREAS, Pacific Palisades is extremely vulnerable to  
22 natural disasters such as hurricane high winds and flash  
23 flooding; and  
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25           WHEREAS, Pacific Palisades is built on a plateau above the  
26 main portion of Pearl City and the only access road to the area  
27 is Komo Mai Drive, a one lane, winding, steep road with a  
28 hairpin turn at the base of the Palisades; and  
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30           WHEREAS, because Pacific Palisades only has one route for  
31 ingress and egress, additional options for alternative access



1 routes are needed so the community is prepared in case of  
2 emergency; now, therefore,

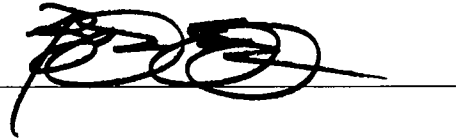
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,  
6 that the Department of Transportation is urged to work with the  
7 City and County of Honolulu to plan and implement options for  
8 alternative ingress and egress routes in Pacific Palisades; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
11 Transportation is requested to provide a plan, along with a  
12 timeline for completion of an alternative emergency egress route  
13 from Pacific Palisades, to the Legislature no later than twenty  
14 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and  
18 Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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