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SENATE CONCURRENT 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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1 WHEREAS, because Pacific Palisades only has one route for
2 ingress and egress, additional options for alternative access
3 routes are needed so the community is prepared in case of
4 emergency; now, therefore,

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

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

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
21 Transportation and Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

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24 OFFERED BY: _____

