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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE SAFETY OF THE BRIDGES ALONG HANA HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, the Hana Highway is arguably the most popular tourist attraction on the island of Maui and one of the most popular in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Hana Highway is one of the most congested routes in the State, with recent estimates between one thousand five hundred and two thousand rental cars and up to one hundred multi-passenger tour vehicles on the route every day; and

WHEREAS, the popularity among tourists brings problems such as interfering with resident's ingress and egress, harmful interactions with marine life, trespassing on off-limits locations, and illegal parking in an unsafe manner; and

WHEREAS, the Hana Highway is 64.4 miles long and passes over fifty-nine bridges; and

WHEREAS, the safety of both tourists and residents may be at risk because of the condition of some of the bridges on the Hana Highway; and

WHEREAS, the United States government has passed an historic infrastructure bill with a total investment of one trillion dollars and allocates approximately forty billion dollars for bridge repair, replacement, and rehabilitation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the House of Representatives concurring, that the United States Department of Transportation is requested to conduct an investigation into the safety of the bridges along the Hana Highway; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States' Secretary of Transportation, Director of Transportation, Mayor of the County of Maui, and Director of the Department of Transportation for the County of Maui.

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