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# SENATE 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,  
32 that the Department of Transportation is requested to prioritize



1 remediation of the flooding issues present on Route 11 around  
2 Mile Post 60 as a safety project; and

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

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

