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I support this bill because it is important to have research on lava flow especially in hazardous areas and area of concern to infrastructure.

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Comments:

My name is Gracianne Young, and I am an environmental management student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I grew up in Hawaii. I'm writing to express my support for Senate Resolution 3 (SR3), which is titled 'Urging the United States Geological Survey to conduct topographical surveys, particularly within Lava-Flow Hazard Zones 1 and 2, to update its Long-Term Lava-Flow Hazard Map Of Hawaii Island.'

As a Hawaii resident and a student who is deeply concerned about the health of our environment, I understand directly the dangers that unchecked lava flows pose to our island communities. Our communities' safety depends heavily on accurate and up-to-date information about volcanic activity and lava flow hazards. Without such information, we are ill-equipped to proactively prepare for natural disasters that can destroy homes and livelihoods.

Furthermore, the data from these surveys is critical for making informed decisions about development and land use in our state. It will be critical in determining safe zones for housing and infrastructure projects, decisions that will have a direct impact on whether people can safely live in their homes.

I've seen friends evacuate during previous eruptions, not knowing if their homes would still be standing when they returned. These terrifying moments could be avoided with careful planning based on accurate topographical surveys. Their emotional turmoil demonstrates the urgent need to update Hawaii's lava-flow hazard maps.

I express my support for SR3 and urge you to consider how critical these surveys are to ensuring our islands' futures. I recommend you approve this bill.

Warm regards,
Gracianne Young