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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTY OF MAUI AND THE MAUI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN EVACUATION ROUTE SIGNAGE PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI.

1           WHEREAS, the County of Maui is particularly vulnerable to  
2 natural disasters, including wildfires, hurricanes, tsunamis,  
3 and flooding, which necessitate clear and effective evacuation  
4 plans; and

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6           WHEREAS, recent events, such as the 2023 Maui wildfires in  
7 Lahaina, have demonstrated the need for better communication and  
8 signage to direct residents and visitors to safe evacuation  
9 routes during emergencies; and

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11           WHEREAS, other states and municipalities have successfully  
12 implemented evacuation route signage programs to enhance public  
13 safety and ensure efficient evacuations during emergencies; and

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15           WHEREAS, the State of Florida has developed a comprehensive  
16 evacuation route signage system that includes clearly marked  
17 routes, real-time digital updates, and public education  
18 campaigns; and

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20           WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has implemented an  
21 advanced evacuation route system that incorporates digital  
22 signage, GPS integration, and multilingual emergency messaging;  
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25           WHEREAS, studies have shown that well-marked evacuation  
26 routes reduce confusion, save lives, and improve the efficiency  
27 of emergency response efforts; and

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29           WHEREAS, an effective evacuation route signage program  
30 should include standardized signage, multiple language  
31 accessibility, digital and physical markers, and periodic public  
32 education campaigns; and

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1           WHEREAS, a collaborative approach between the County of  
 2 Maui, Maui Emergency Management Agency, Hawaii Emergency  
 3 Management Agency, and Department of Transportation would ensure  
 4 that evacuation signage is strategically placed and maintained  
 5 for the safety of residents and visitors; now, therefore,

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 7           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
 8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,  
 9 that the County of Maui and Maui Emergency Management Agency, in  
 10 conjunction with the Department of Transportation and the Hawaii  
 11 Emergency Management Agency, are urged to develop and implement  
 12 an evacuation route signage program for the County of Maui; and  
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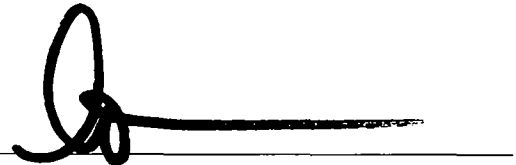
14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the program is requested to  
 15 consider best practices from other states and municipalities,  
 16 including the use of standardized signage, digital integration,  
 17 and multilingual accessibility; and  
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19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Maui and the  
 20 Department of Transportation are requested to collaborate with  
 21 emergency management agencies to ensure that signage placement  
 22 aligns with existing evacuation plans and infrastructure; and  
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24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Maui is requested  
 25 to conduct public awareness campaigns to educate residents and  
 26 visitors about designated evacuation routes and signage; and  
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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 29 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of  
 30 Transportation, Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management  
 31 Agency, Mayor of the County of Maui, Chairperson of the Maui  
 32 County Council, and Administrator of the Maui Emergency  
 33 Management Agency.  
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