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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT STATEWIDE  
COMMUNITY SCENIC BYWAYS EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR PROPOSED  
FEDERAL DESIGNATIONS OF SCENIC BYWAYS INCLUDING THE PI'ILANI  
TRAIL ON MAUI.

1           WHEREAS, scenic byways are recognized as roads that  
2 incorporate and reflect noteworthy natural, historic, and  
3 cultural features of an area; and  
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5           WHEREAS, these scenic byways afford visitors a pleasurable  
6 experience as they travel the byways, while the economies of the  
7 local communities within which these byways are situated benefit  
8 reciprocally from visitor activity; and  
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10           WHEREAS, Congress established the National Scenic Byways  
11 Program in 1991 under the Intermodal Transportation Efficiency  
12 Act and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the National Scenic Byways Program is a voluntary  
15 program designed to help states protect and promote their scenic  
16 roads by which states apply for funding from the Federal Highway  
17 Administration of the United States Department of Transportation  
18 and submit nominations of certain roads for designation as  
19 scenic byways by the Federal Highway Administration; and  
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21           WHEREAS, for example, the state Department of  
22 Transportation initiated the North Kona Heritage Corridor  
23 Project on the Big Island with community input as a first step  
24 to establishing a state scenic byway designation for that area;  
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27           WHEREAS, in the early years of the 16th century, Pi'ilani  
28 Makua, the king of Maui, and his son, Kiha-a-Pi'ilani,  
29 constructed within a span of about five years a pathway uniting  
30 west and east Maui known as Alanui-Kike'eke'e-a-Maui, or the  
31 winding pathway of Maui, which proceeded clockwise around the

1 northern coast of west Maui across the isthmus to Haleakala  
2 Mountain; and  
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4 WHEREAS, an eighteen-mile stretch of the pathway from  
5 Honokowai to Kahakuloa, known as Na Hono-a-Pi'ilani, or the  
6 Pi'ilani Trail, connects the six sacred bays of Pi'ilani, each  
7 with distinct Hawaiian names that reflect their uniqueness; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the six sacred bays of Pi'ilani consist of:  
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- 11 (1) Honokowai Bay, or the "watering bay," which is a long,  
12 slight curve of calcareous beach sandstone, hard as  
13 rock, that extends into the sea about three feet deep;  
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- 15 (2) Honokeana Bay, or the "cave bay," which is a deep,  
16 boxy recess where the sea has eroded a bed of red ash,  
17 coloring the water a murky red;  
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- 19 (3) Honokahua Bay, or the "sites bay," which is a  
20 beautiful, peaceful, open, sandy beach now known as  
21 Kapalua that is a closed semicircular shape with long  
22 waves washing far up on the shore, ringed with palm  
23 trees and jutting black lava rock;  
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- 25 (4) Honolua Bay, or "two harbors bay," which lies along  
26 the coast where winds are brisk and ironwood trees  
27 form windbreaks that bring fragrance to the air as  
28 their soft needles cushion the ground;  
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- 30 (5) Honokohau Bay, or "bay drawing dew bay," which lies at  
31 the mouth of Honokohau Stream, Maui's longest stream,  
32 where the surface of the land slopes into the sea to  
33 meet Molokai. The nearly inaccessible waterfall at  
34 the head of Honokohau Stream drops 1,690 feet, making  
35 it the sixth tallest waterfall in the world and the  
36 second tallest in the nation after Yosemite in  
37 California; and  
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- 39 (6) Hononana Bay, or "animated bay," which lies at the  
40 mouth of Hononana gulch where nearby rests a boulder  
41 alongside the road called Pohakukani, the "bell  
42 stone," which when struck with a rock, sounds like the

1           ringing of a massive bell, but with a metallic timbre;  
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4           WHEREAS, there is great interest from the community to  
5 designate as a scenic byway the Pi'ilani Trail, the eighteen-mile  
6 Heritage Corridor from Honokowai to Kahakuloa featuring the six  
7 sacred bays of Pi'ilani, to preserve the area and to provide  
8 access for the public; and

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10          WHEREAS, Hawai'i has many other scenic locations that may  
11 qualify for inclusion in the National Scenic Byways Program; and

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13          WHEREAS, funding assistance is required to continually  
14 maintain scenic byways and to preserve their accessibility to  
15 the public; and

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17          WHEREAS, it is unrealistic during the current local,  
18 national, and global economic downturn to draw on state general  
19 funds to support worthwhile scenic byways projects; however, the  
20 Federal Highway Administration administers a fund to provide  
21 assistance to states whose projects qualify according to federal  
22 guidelines; now, therefore,

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24          BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-Fifth  
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the  
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
27 Transportation is requested to conduct statewide community  
28 scenic byways educational workshops for the purpose of  
29 identifying possible sites for inclusion in the National Scenic  
30 Byways Program, including the Pi'ilani Trail on Maui; and

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32          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
33 Transportation is requested to consult with and invite  
34 representatives from the Federal Highway Administration and any  
35 other relevant federal agency to participate in the statewide  
36 community scenic byways educational workshops; and

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38          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
39 Transportation is requested to act upon the public consensus  
40 derived from the educational workshops to make recommendations  
41 to the federal government of sites to include in the National  
42 Scenic Byways Program; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
2 Transportation is requested to facilitate the designation of  
3 sites to include in the National Scenic Byways Program by  
4 submitting:

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6 (1) Nominations of roads selected by means of the  
7 educational workshop process for designation as scenic  
8 byways; and  
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10 (2) Applications for federal funding to support the  
11 promotion, maintenance, and repair of these roads,  
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13 to the Federal Highway Administration of the United States  
14 Department of Transportation; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
17 Transportation is requested to report to the Legislature no  
18 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
19 Session of 2010, on the progress of the statewide community  
20 scenic byways educational workshops, including the Pi'ilani Trail  
21 on Maui, as well as the status of any application to the Federal  
22 Highways Administration for funding and to designate selected  
23 roads of the State as scenic byways; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
27 Directors of Transportation and Business, Economic Development,  
28 and Tourism, the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
29 Resources, the mayor and chairperson of the council of each  
30 county, the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration,  
31 and the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.