
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY MEANS OF
MAXIMIZING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND VISIBILITY OF ROAD SIGNS
ALONG HIGHWAY 130.

1 WHEREAS, Highway 130 on Hawaii Island is a two-lane highway
2 that runs from Kea'au to Kalapana and is the main thoroughfare in
3 and out of the fastest growing portion of the Puna district; and
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5 WHEREAS, according to the Department of Transportation,
6 35,700 cars used Highway 130 daily in 2009, compared to 13,000
7 cars using Highway 130 daily in 1999; and
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9 WHEREAS, due to a variety of factors, including changing
10 geologic conditions, several road signs along Highway 130 are no
11 longer in appropriate locations; and
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13 WHEREAS, overgrown grass and shrubs often obscure road
14 signs along Highway 130; creating a safety hazard; and
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16 WHEREAS, due to inadequate lighting, many areas of Highway
17 130 are completely dark after nightfall; and
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19 WHEREAS, the need to improve the safety of Highway 130 is
20 urgent because the number of cars travelling the highway will
21 only increase in the years to come; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2014, that the Department of Transportation is
26 requested to study means of maximizing the effectiveness and
27 visibility of road signs along Highway 130; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as part of its study, the
30 Department of Transportation consider the following factors:
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- (1) The number of vehicles using the highway, and their impact on the quality of life of people who reside in areas serviced by the highway;
- (2) The maintenance of the wayside along the highway, including the frequency with which grass and shrubs are cleared or cut;
- (3) The proper placement of road signs along the highway to ensure maximum visibility and safety; and
- (4) The adequacy of lighting along the highway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and

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

OFFERED BY: 

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