

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 235
S.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 235, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO EVALUATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION, HIGHWAY
FLOODING, AND ROAD SAFETY ISSUES ON HAWAI'I ISLAND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of
Transportation to evaluate traffic congestion, highway flooding,
and road safety issues in the County of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Transportation, two members of the Hawai'i
County Council, Fair Wind Cruises, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the County of Hawaii is
experiencing a growth in population, leading to an increase in
traffic congestion. Certain roadways in the County of Hawaii
suffer from on-going hazardous problems due not only to an
increase in population, but the effects of climate change. For
example, Kuakini Highway is prone to flooding and on multiple
occasions has been closed as a result, causing concern for public
safety. Your Committee further finds that traffic congestion can
have a number of negative impacts on people, leading to
significant emotional health effects, including an increase in

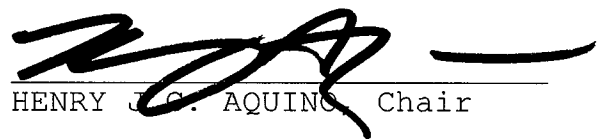
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stress and aggressiveness. This measure will improve traffic conditions in the County of Hawaii by looking at various ways to reduce traffic congestion, thereby improving the quality of life for residents and visitors of the County of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 235, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,


HENRY J. G. AQUINO, Chair



