Managing the Road to Hana:

Traffic Safety

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State and County Roads

Problem Stems from Conflicting Uses

- Main road to town for East Maui residents
  - Used by residents for travelling to work, doctor's appointments, school, dentist, shopping, business appointments

- Used by emergency vehicles, County & State construction crews, ect…

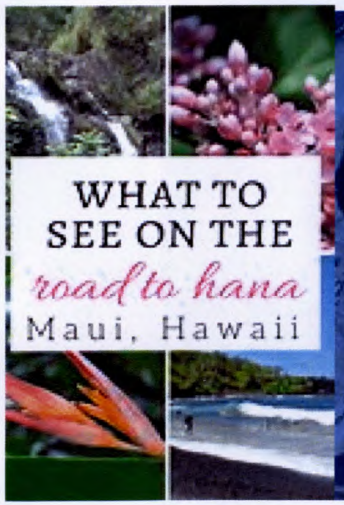
AND

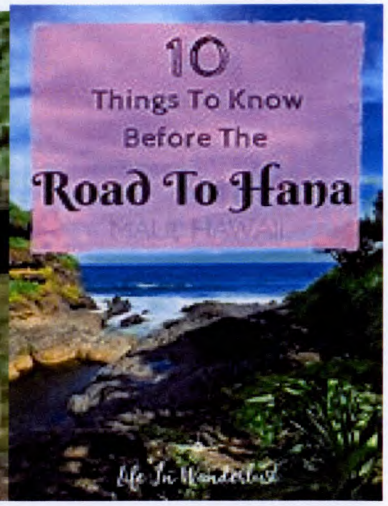
- Top Visitor Destination on Maui and in top 10 for State of Hawaii

Top Visitor Attraction

- 2016: Average of 2,026 vehicles a day in July

From: Hana Highway Regulations Survey





‘Oheo National Parks at Kipahulu

- July/August avg. 1,850 people/day =740 cars
- September avg. 1,150 people/day =460 cars
- Oct/Nov avg. 800 people/day =320 cars

We Have A Big Problem…

And

We Need to Take Action

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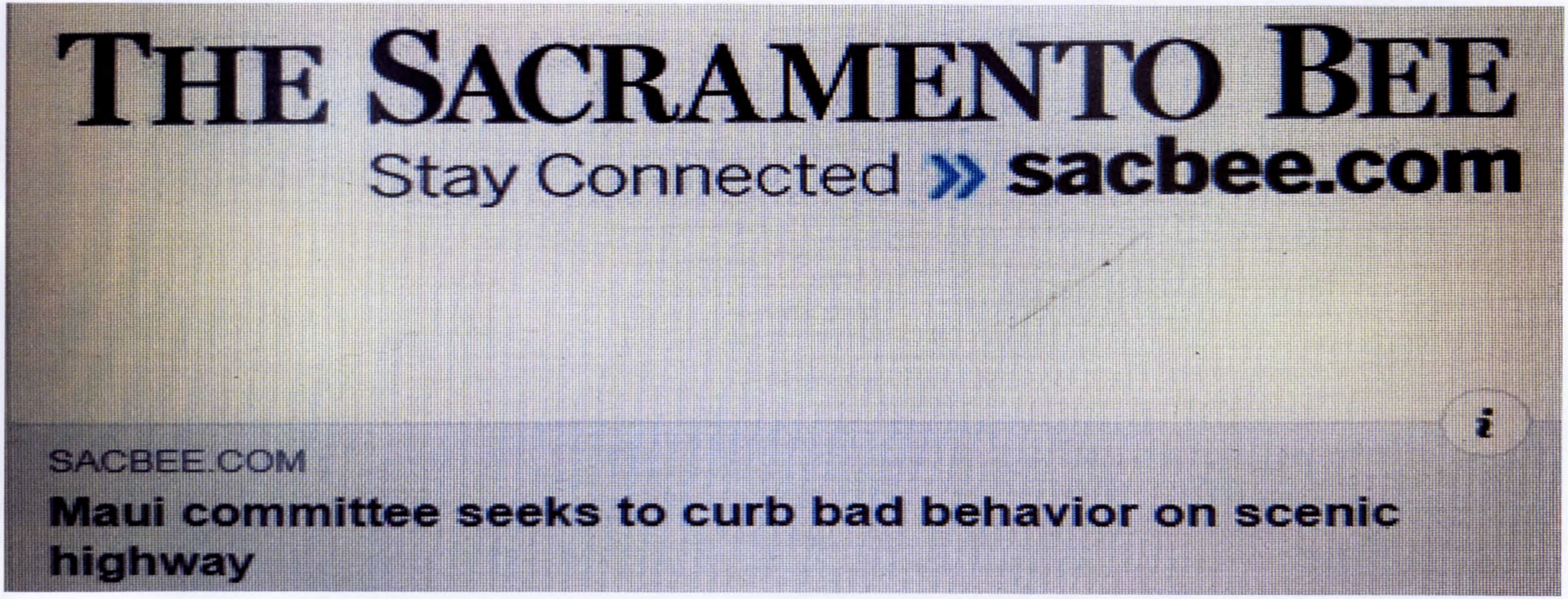
Visitors overwhelm Maui's Hana Highway, residents who live along remote route

Dual Use Creates Unsafe Conditions

- Passing in unsafe conditions
- Road rage
- Regular resident frustration leading to lower quality of life
  - Residents forced to travel at night and early morning or face frustrating dangerous drive

Our Problem is So Bad it Made the Sacramento News



Negative Resident Experiences

Jendy Malaikini
August 30, 2018

From my drive out yesterday I ended up with high blood pressure! These people are driving me nuts! It's never ending! Each day brings a new batch of idiots. How do we end this?

September 2, 2018 · Hana, HI

That's what happens when you pull to far over, and tourist gotta block traffic for that ONE picture. Finally got home to Hana and choke tourist going out and coming in still yet.

Negative Visitor Experiences

Bob V

Lehigh Vallley, PA

Reviewed 1 week ago

Road to Divorce

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Birmingham, Michigan

Reviewed 20 April 2019 via mobile

I would have rather got a root canal....

TripAdvisor

We hated it - Review of Hana Highway - Road to Hana, Maui, HI ...

Reviewed 23 May 201

Nerve wracking

Codifying Common Courtesy

Not yielding to local drivers

Not everyone driving the Road To Hana is an awe-struck visitor soaking up the scenery. So if a vehicle comes up behind you and flashes their lights, pull over at the first safe opportunity.

Holding up traffic on this winding stretch of road can cause chaos, especially if drivers try to pass. So be polite and earn some karma points by letting the locals scoot by.

Ha’ena Kaua’i

Hawaii Public Radio

Reopening the Road to Hā‘ena |

Visit

Hana Highway Regulations Survey

39% of residents surveyed in January 2019 stated slow visitor drivers not pulling over as number 1 visitor nuisance.

Proposed Law is One Tool – Not a Complete Solution

- Managing tourism on Hana Highway requires a multi-prong approach

Turn Out Law Used in Other States

- California
- Oregon
- Washington
- Idaho
- Nevada
- Delaware

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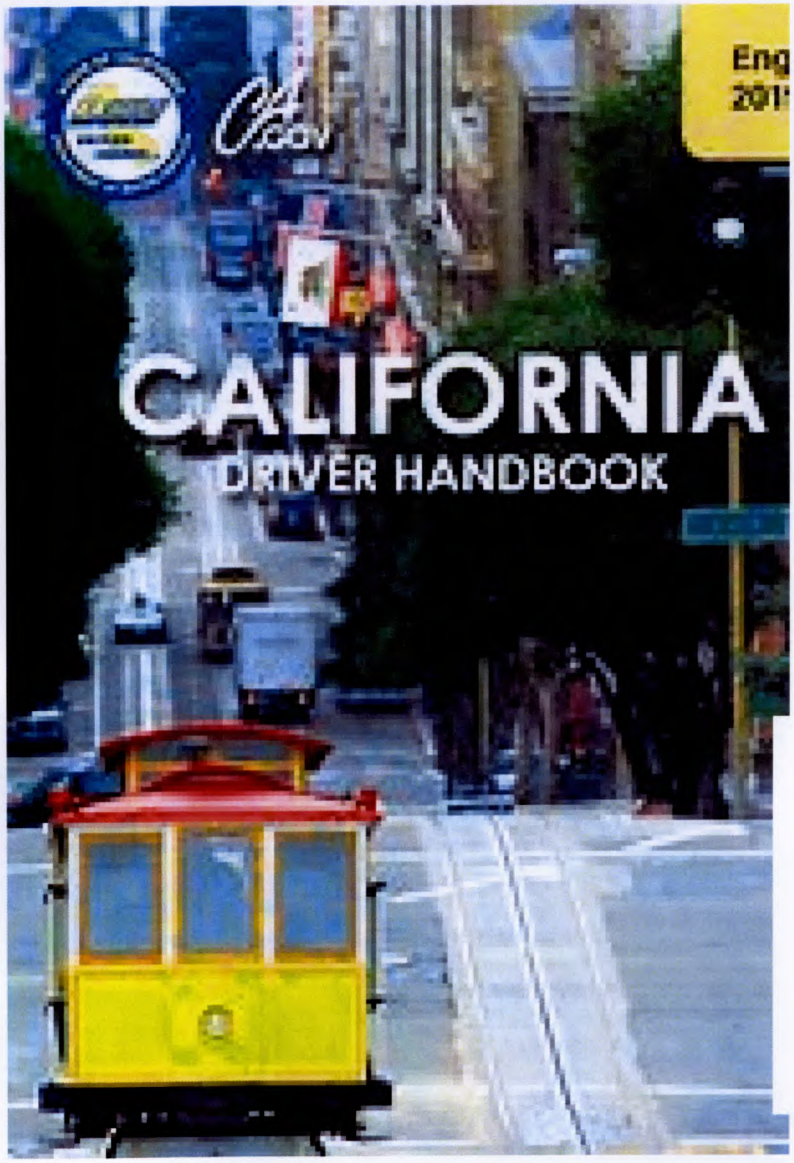
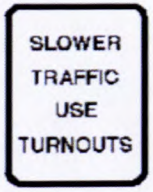


In these states drivers are taught their responsibility to other drivers to use turn outs

Turnout Areas and Lanes

Special "turnout" areas are sometimes marked on two-lane roads. Drive into these areas to allow cars behind you to pass. Some two-lane roads have passing lanes. If you are driving slowly on a two-lane highway or road where passing is unsafe, and 5 or more vehicles are following, you **must** drive into the turnout areas or lanes to let the vehicles pass.



Typical Turn Out Law

- A turn out is a patch of pavement on the right side of the road where slow drivers can pull off the road to let faster drivers go by.

- Turn out law creates a legal duty to pull over and let drivers go by where there are a number of drivers that want to go by.

The Turn Out law is one tool meant to work in conjunction with other efforts:

- Visitor education before driving highway
- Better signage, parking and bathroom facilities

Our Law Modeled After Other States

Our Proposed Law:

Upon a two-lane roadway where passing is unsafe because of traffic in the opposite direction or other conditions, any vehicle proceeding upon the roadway, behind which five or more vehicles are formed in a line, shall turn off the roadway at the nearest place designated as a turnout by signs erected by the authority having jurisdiction over the roadway, or wherever sufficient area for a safe turnout exists, in order to permit the vehicles following it to proceed.

Purpose of Today's Meeting

- Add to Maui Legislative Package
- This is just a first step
- We're not here today to finalize or pass the bill
- It will be up to the legislature to take action
- Adding to our package allows Councilmembers to speak on behalf of the Council.