

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 418

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 418 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON FARRINGTON HIGHWAY IN MAILI AND NANAKULI, OAHU BY ADDING AND OPERATING A CONTRA-FLOW TRAFFIC LANE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to alleviate traffic congestion along the Waianae Coast by authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to add and operate a contra-flow traffic lane on Farrington Highway in Maili and Nanakuli, Oahu.

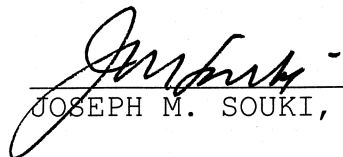
The Honolulu Police Department, Hawaii Transportation Association, Superstar Hawaii Transit Service, and many concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Transportation opposed this measure. A concerned individual offered comments.

Your Committee finds that contra-flow lanes have been used for some time and have proven to be an effective alternative to constructing additional traffic lanes. Because access to Maili and Nanakuli is limited to Farrington Highway, making the busy thoroughfare indispensable, your Committee believes that adding a contra-flow lane would help alleviate the traffic problem in this area.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 418 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



