

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1553-06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Ag: 17, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 144  
H.D. 1

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.C.R. No. 144 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OAHU METROPOLITAN  
PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO STUDY THE DEVELOPMENT OF A  
SUBMERSIBLE VEHICULAR TUNNEL FROM EWA TO DOWNTOWN HONOLULU,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to work toward  
alleviating traffic congestion for Leeward Oahu residents by  
requesting the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) to  
study the development of a submersible vehicular tunnel from Ewa  
to downtown Honolulu.

A professor of transportation engineering from the University  
of Hawaii and several concerned citizens testified in support of  
this concurrent resolution. OMPO submitted comments.

Your Committee recognizes that traffic congestion is a major  
concern for residents of Leeward Oahu. The option of establishing  
a submersible tunnel is one method being discussed for the  
effective control of this traffic congestion. However, your  
Committee finds that OMPO does not have the funds nor expertise to  
conduct the study requested in this measure. Accordingly, your  
Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Requesting the Legislative Reference Bureau, rather than OMPO, to conduct the study of the development of a submersible vehicular tunnel from Ewa to downtown Honolulu; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.C.R. No. 144, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 144, H.D. 1.

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



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JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



