

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 28, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 43

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. 43 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SAFETY SIGNS ALONG
MAMALAHOA HIGHWAY AND QUEEN KAAHUMANU HIGHWAY AND TO EXPEDITE
THE CREATION OF A DIVIDED HIGHWAY FROM KAILUA-KONA TO
KAWAIHAE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to improve
highway safety on the Big Island of Hawaii by urging the
Department of Transportation (DOT) to:

- (1) Increase the number of safety signs along Mamalahoa
Highway and Queen Kaahumanu Highway; and
- (2) Expedite the creation of a divided highway from Kailua-
Kona to Kawaihae.

A concerned individual testified in support of this
concurrent resolution. DOT supported the intent of this measure.


Your Committee finds that Hawaii County experiences the
highest motor vehicle fatality rate in the state. Accidents on
the Big Island also occur at a rate higher than most other
counties. These incidents often occur on Mamalahoa Highway and
Queen Kaahumanu Highway, especially in the area between Kailua-
Kona and Kawaihae. Additional warning signs and a divided highway



may help alleviate some of the problems causing these motor vehicle collisions.

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. 43 and recommends its adoption.

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



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



