

Honolulu, Hawaii

Aug-17, 2006

RE: H.R. No. 107
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.R. No. 107 entitled:

"HOUSE 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 resolution is to work towards alleviating traffic congestion for Leeward Oahu 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 resolution. OMPO submitted comments.

Your Committee recognizes that traffic congestion is a major concern for the 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:

- (1) Requesting the Legislative Reference Bureau, rather than OMPO, conduct the study of the development of a

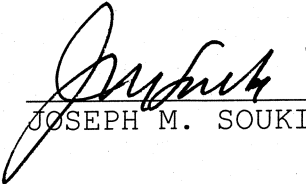


submersible vehicular tunnel from Ewa to downtown Honolulu;

- (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.R. No. 107, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 107, H.D. 1.

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



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



