

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 13

, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2830

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
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State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Government Operations and Intergovernmental Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2830 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO KUHIO HIGHWAY, KAUAI,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and make an appropriation for improvements to Kuhio Highway, Kauai.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Mayor of Kauai County, and members of the Kauai County Council.

The project that is the subject of this measure is currently part of the DOT's plan to construct an additional southbound lane on Kuhio Highway between the southern end of the existing Kapa`a Bypass Road and the Wailua River. The project includes intersection improvements along Kuhio Highway at Haleilio, Papaloa, and Kuamoo roads, as well as an additional lane across the Wailua River. This corridor is the only link between the northern and eastern portion of the island and the central district of Lihue and beyond. This improvement would provide needed relief to the congestion in the most heavily populated district on the island.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Government Operations and Intergovernmental Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2830 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Transportation and Government Operations and Intergovernmental Affairs,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



