

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 38
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations,
to which was referred S.C.R. No. 38 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLING AN
OUTDOOR WIRELESS CORRIDOR ALONG THE H-1 FREEWAY IN ORDER TO
ENCOURAGE UTILIZATION BY HIGHLY OCCUPIED VEHICLES AND BUSES,
AND TO FACILITATE THE GATHERING OF TRAFFIC METRICS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of
Transportation to study the feasibility of installing an outdoor
wireless corridor along the H-1 freeway in order to encourage
utilization by highly occupied vehicles and busses, and to
facilitate the gathering of traffic metrics.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Transportation. Testimony in opposition
was received from the Honolulu Police Department.

Legions of Oahu residents spend at least two hours daily
traveling on the H-1 freeway during rush hour traffic going to and
from work. Passengers in vehicles on the H-1 during rush hours
could better spend their time while in their cars doing work or
research on the Internet.

Your Committee finds that an outdoor wireless corridor
infrastructure would support continuous coverage for wireless
network services for wireless-enabled laptop computers and




personal digital assistant devices. An outdoor wireless corridor would enable access to online resources in any location along H-1. Furthermore, according to testimony of the Department of Transportation, it is currently working on an Intelligent Transportation System project for Oahu freeways that has been approved by the Federal Transportation Administration and is funded ninety percent by federal moneys.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting a paragraph referencing the popularity of wireless devices.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 38, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Media, Arts, Science, and Technology, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 38, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Government Operations,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



