

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1731

Honolulu, Hawaii

A-03 , 2007

RE: H.C.R. No. 329
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred
H.C.R. No. 329 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO OPEN AND RECONFIGURE THE EASTBOUND AND
WESTBOUND SHOULDER LANES FROM MAKAKILO DRIVE TO THE KUNIA
INTERCHANGE NEAR THE EASTBOUND ON-RAMP ON THE H-1 FREEWAY
DURING THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON RUSH HOURS TO HELP ALLEVIATE
TRAFFIC CONGESTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to help
alleviate traffic congestion from West Oahu by requesting the
Department of Transportation (DOT) to open and reconfigure the
eastbound and westbound shoulder lanes from Makakilo Drive to the
Kunia Interchange near the eastbound on-ramp on the H-1 Freeway
during the morning and afternoon rush hours.

Numerous individuals testified in support of this measure.
DOT did not support this measure as currently written.

Your Committee finds that traffic congestion from West Oahu,
particularly the Leeward Coast, has greatly increased with
increasing development and growth. In fact, it is common for
individuals commuting from these areas of the island to spend
several hours in traffic every day. Allowing for the use of a
shoulder lane for traffic movement during rush hours may help
alleviate some of this traffic congestion.

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However, your Committee notes the concerns raised by DOT regarding the feasibility and necessity of initiating such a change in the area and during the times specified in this measure. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by requesting DOT to only open and reconfigure the eastbound shoulder lanes from Makakilo Drive to the Waipahu off-ramp on the H-1 Freeway during the morning rush hours.

Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made 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. 329, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 329, H.D. 1.

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



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



