

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1098

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1605  
H.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,  
to which was referred H.B. No. 1605, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC CONTROL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the development and implementation of an intelligent transportation system architectural plan for Maui, which includes a Maui traffic control center.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; two Maui County Council Members; Lahaina Bypass.com; Maui Communicators; Sands of Kahana; West Maui Taxpayers Association; Ma'alaia Community Association; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that an intelligent transportation system applies communications and information technology to provide solutions to congestion and traffic control issues. Such a system could use a variety of field devices, including traffic cameras, in partnership with a traffic control center via a single mode fiber-optic network to effectively alleviate traffic congestion in a geographic area.

Testimony from Maui indicates that traffic delays continue to intensify. Access to and from West Maui is disrupted every time there is a traffic accident on the Honoapiilani Highway between Pali and Puamana. Your Committee further finds that traffic

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should be rerouted to the former cane haul road in these instances, which would provide an open corridor for emergency vehicles and limit the disruption of traffic on the highway. Currently, access to West Maui is completely cut off when there is a fire or an accident. Your Committee believes that providing funds to develop and implement an intelligent transportation architectural plan and a traffic control center for Maui will help eliminate such future occurrences.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1605, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Transportation and  
International Affairs,




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J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 1605 HD1</b> <b>(HSCR 1110)</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TIA, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3-19-07</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (C)	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R. (VC)				/
ESPERO, Will	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.				/
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				/
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	/			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>3</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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