

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 14, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2856

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 2856 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to attempt to deal with traffic congestion through innovative means by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Transportation (DOT) to conduct a feasibility study on implementing a system of electronic road pricing in Hawaii;
- (2) Requiring the Director of DOT to submit a report to the Legislature on DOT's findings and recommendations; and
- (3) Appropriating funds for this feasibility study.

A concerned individual opposed this bill. DOT submitted comments on this measure.

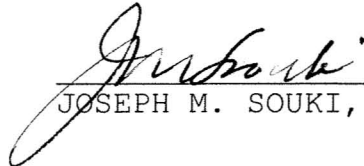
Traffic congestion is often cited as a major concern for Hawaii residents. This situation is only expected to worsen in the near future. Although numerous proposals have been made to help alleviate this problem including fixed rail, bus rapid transit systems, carpooling, and high occupancy vehicle lanes, road pricing is an approach that has not been considered.



Road pricing is a system in which motorists pay a fee for the use of certain roadways or for driving in a particular area, the most famous of which is established in Singapore. While there are some drawbacks to such a system, studying the feasibility of establishing this type of system in Hawaii may be a step towards easing Hawaii's traffic congestion woes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2856 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2856	Committee Referral: TRN, FIN	Date: 06 Feb. 2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. EVANS, Cindy	/			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	/			
5. LEE, Marilyn B.		/		
6. LUKE, Sylvia	/			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	/			
8. NAKASONE, Bob				/
9. SONSON, Alex M.				/
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	/			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
12. MEYER, Colleen Rose				/
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos		/		
TOTAL (13)	8	2		3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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