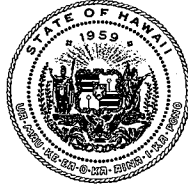


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HOUSE BILL NO. 2437

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) believes this bill is not necessary and requests that it be deferred.

We believe it is not appropriate to require the DOT to conduct a regional traffic analysis as proposed in the legislation, as the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) already plans to conduct a similar study for Central Oahu this summer and is the appropriate agency to do so. The DOT will be an active participant in this analysis. Accordingly, we request that the Committee defer this bill.

**Testimony of
DICK POIRIER, CHAIR
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
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on
HB 2437 – RELATING TO TRAFFIC
held on
March 17, 2008
at
1:55 p.m.**

Chairs English and Inouye and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Neighborhood Board No. 25, I want to express our strong support for HB 2437.

The purpose of HB 2437 is to request the State DOT to review past studies as a basis for recommending a set of recommendation to improve traffic flow in Central Oahu. Our Board has recommended the conduct of such study for years, thus far without success.

While the Legislature did appropriate \$1 million to undertake such a study in 2005, the Administration chose to let the monies lapse, which is unfortunate give the proposed 20,000 additional housing units in Central Oahu scheduled for completion by the year 2030.

Attached is a power point that we presented to State DOT asking them to fund and undertake a study of transportation needs for Central Oahu to include many of the recommended study elements included in HB 2437. We believe that the completion, analysis and integration of these study elements could form the basis for a much-needed action program which is real, cost-effective, and sustainable in terms of meeting Central Oahu regional transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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From: Pamela Young [pamyco@yahoo.com]

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Dear Chair English and Members of the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,

I strongly support HB 2437 requiring the Department of Transportation to conduct a comprehensive review of traffic improvements for the Central Oahu corridor including regional connectivity and travel time mitigation, and to appropriate the necessary funds for the study. The review is necessary as some additional 25,000 housing units are planned to be constructed in Central Oahu by 2030, resulting in population in Central Oahu that is projected to rival that of the Ewa region.

I am grateful that the Legislature previously appropriated funds for a Central Oahu transportation study (Act 178, SLH 2005). Unfortunately, the funds lapsed on June 30, 2007.

I sincerely thank you for hearing this bill and am hopeful that you will move it forward.

Pamela Young

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