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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2524

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
AND  
COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL & MILITARY AFFAIRS

The Department of Transportation (DOT) believes that this bill is not necessary.

Consultation with county transportation officials and compliance with county general and transportation-related plans are primary components of DOT's long-range transportation master planning projects. The DOT will continue this practice in its upcoming undertaking of the "Statewide Transportation Plan – Hawaii's Multi-Modal Network."

Our request for U.S. DOT Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) funding of the "Statewide Transportation Plan" was approved in February 2008 and we are currently proceeding with the selection of the project's consultant. In accordance with our practice, the Counties' transportation, planning, and public works departments will be contacted and invited to participate in this pivotal project.

For this reason, we believe that this bill is not necessary.

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