



March 27, 2008

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS
ON HB 3197 SD1 RELATING TO
MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM**

Thank you Chair Baker and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) which has 360 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

Hawaii Transportation Association strongly supports this bill.

Our transportation infrastructure is key to our standard of living in Hawaii and key to the commercial transportation industry's ability to maintain that standard of living. Our timely deliveries provide Hawaii's citizens with everything they consume, and the only way we can accomplish that is to have a safe and well maintained infrastructure.

That infrastructure also needs vast improvements if we are to keep up our service levels into the future. The State Department of Transportation's highway revenue fund is in dire need of enhancement.

The funds provided by this measure is sorely needed.

Thank you.