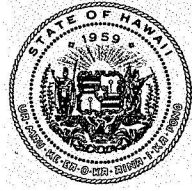


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The Department of Transportation (DOT) appreciates the Legislature's concerns and will take them into consideration when reviewing whether an environmental assessment (EA) is required for the proposed synthetic natural gas utility line.

It is our hope that SB 2808, HD 1 will allow the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) to address the growing confusion and controversy over EA requirements for applicant actions, which involve both development of private property and improvements within a public highway right-of-way. For that reason we request amendment of the concurrent resolution to ask the OEQC to submit the proposed report to the 2009 Legislature.