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Honorable Representative Joseph M. Souki, Chair Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair Members of the House Committee on Transportation Hawaii State Capital 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: IN SUPPORT OF <u>SB 2156, SD1</u> RELATING TO THE WEST MAUI TRANSPORTATION ACCESS PLAN Hearing: Monday, March 10, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

Dear Chair Souki, Vice Chair Nishimoto and the Committee on Transportation:

For the Record my name is Buzz Hong the Executive Director for the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. Our Council is comprised of 16-construction unions and a membership of 26,000 statewide.

The Council supports the passage of SB2156, SD1, which creates an informal, temporary West Maui transportation access plan working group to develop a West Maui transportation access plan. Allows hiring of a consultant without regard to the Hawaii procurement code to develop the plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of SB2156.

Sincerely,

William "Buzz" Hong Executive Director

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