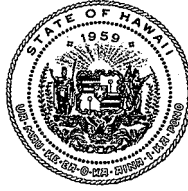


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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SENATE BILL NO. 2696

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS &
HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HOUSING

We do not support this bill, as we believe the bill is unnecessary due to the considerable effort and information sharing that is already taking place between the Department of Transportation (DOT), county agencies and industry.

The DOT already performs biennial bridge inspections for all bridges on the State Highway System as well as a pavement condition report for all routes on our federal aid system. DOT has 2 engineers whose primary responsibilities are to prepare the pavement condition report, and has also hired consultants at an annual cost of approximately \$500,000 to assist with the data collection. As for the DOT bridge inspection program, the DOT expends approximately \$500,000 annually to hire consultants to assist with the bridge inspections and reporting.

In order to address the reduced amount of federal funding available for highway maintenance, the DOT has already established a pavement preventive maintenance task force to identify appropriate preventive maintenance treatments to prolong the life of the pavement surface. These treatments include slurry seals and thin asphalt overlays.



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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
ON SB 2696 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

Thank you Chair English 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 can support this measure.

We believe that discussing ideas with a task force of experts can help develop new and better concepts and policies to benefit the Department of Transportation and the public.

Thank you.