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To: The Committee on Transportation  
The Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs

Aloha,

I am writing in support of SCR 59, SDI (SSCR 3490). It is important to the state of Hawaii and it's people that the Hawaiian Voyaging canoes continue to sail and carry the message of Malama Hawaii. Hawaii's voyaging canoes are the best educational tools for carrying that message. As an educator and an original Hokule'a crew member, I have seen first hand how effective the voyaging canoes are in teaching about Hawaii's culture, health, and environment. It has certainly made me a better steward of these islands.

The canoes need to have a permanent home so they can be properly cared for and utilized. It is hard to do your work when you are worried about a place to live and have to keep on moving around. These voyaging canoes are treasures of Hawaii and should be treated as such. They have made an impact not only here in Hawaii but all over the world. The Hokule'a especially has truly become an ambassador for Hawaii.

Please support SCR 59, SDI (SSCR 3490).

Mahalo,

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