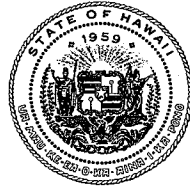


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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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We support the intent of this bill to improve traffic safety and operations, but have concerns. Roundabouts should be evaluated for intersections that have existing traffic concerns and other new locations that would be appropriate through sound engineering judgment.

The primary purpose of roundabouts is to address intersection problems where the mainline and side street traffic volumes are heavy enough to cause difficulty in accessing the mainline and turning traffic. We support the installation of roundabouts when done under correct roadway, traffic, and site conditions.