

HB 2524

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March 14, 2008

TO: Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senate Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

FROM: G. Riki Hokama
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Riki Hokama".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 17, 2008; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2524,
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to require the Statewide Transportation Council to comply with county transportation and general plans, to the extent it does not impact Federal funds, in the preparation of the statewide transportation plan for projected transportation needs for a six-year period.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

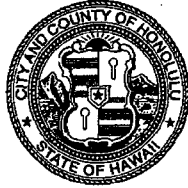
1. Requiring the State transportation plan to comply with county transportation and general plans will ensure consistency among the plans. It will also eliminate the potential for conflict with county plans when the State transportation plan is implemented.
2. This measure will ensure that the transportation needs of Maui County residents will be addressed in the State transportation plan.
3. Providing consistency between the State transportation plan and county plans will allow for more effective transportation systems that will better meet the transportation needs of Maui County residents.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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March 17, 2008

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Transportation
and International Affairs

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Intergovernmental
and Military Affairs
the Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs English, Inouye and Members:

**Subject: House Bill No. 2524
Relating to Transportation**

The Department of Planning and Permitting **supports** House Bill 2524, which requires the Statewide Transportation Council to comply with relevant county plans as it prepares the statewide transportation plan.

While the City and County of Honolulu has the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) to serve as the conduit for coordinated state transportation planning and county land use planning, we believe the addition of this requirement is appropriate under Chapter 279A, HRS.

Please adopt House Bill 2524.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Eng".

Henry Eng, FAICP, Director
Department of Planning and Permitting

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***The Chamber of
Commerce of Hawaii***

Since 1850

Testimony to the Senate Committees on Transportation and International Affairs and
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Monday, March 17, at 1:55 p.m.
Room 224, State Capitol

RE: H.B. 2524 Relating to Transportation

Chairs English and Inouye, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Tsutsui, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Christine Camp, Chair of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Land Use and Transportation Committee. The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii strongly supports HB 2524.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing over 1100 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. The organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

H.B. No. 2524 purposes to require the Statewide Transportation Council to comply with county transportation and general plans, to the extent it does not impact federal funds, in the preparation of the statewide transportation plan for projected transportation needs for a six-year period.

Improving coordination between the State and County is critical to ensure our major backbone infrastructure is planned, funded and constructed in a timely basis. As transportation funding begins to shrink at the federal level, it is important to coordinate our efforts at the State and County to maximize our returns.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our views.

HB 2437

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March 17, 2008

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2437

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

The Department of Transportation (DOT) believes this bill is not necessary and requests that it be deferred.

We believe it is not appropriate to require the DOT to conduct a regional traffic analysis as proposed in the legislation, as the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) already plans to conduct a similar study for Central Oahu this summer and is the appropriate agency to do so. The DOT will be an active participant in this analysis. Accordingly, we request that the Committee defer this bill.

**Testimony of
DICK POIRIER, CHAIR
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NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 25**
before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS**
on
HB 2437 – RELATING TO TRAFFIC
held on
March 17, 2008
at
1:55 p.m.

Chairs English and Inouye and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Neighborhood Board No. 25, I want to express our strong support for HB 2437.

The purpose of HB 2437 is to request the State DOT to review past studies as a basis for recommending a set of recommendation to improve traffic flow in Central Oahu. Our Board has recommended the conduct of such study for years, thus far without success.

While the Legislature did appropriate \$1 million to undertake such a study in 2005, the Administration chose to let the monies lapse, which is unfortunate give the proposed 20,000 additional housing units in Central Oahu scheduled for completion by the year 2030.

Attached is a power point that we presented to State DOT asking them to fund and undertake a study of transportation needs for Central Oahu to include many of the recommended study elements included in HB 2437. We believe that the completion, analysis and integration of these study elements could form the basis for a much-needed action program which is real, cost-effective, and sustainable in terms of meeting Central Oahu regional transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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From: Pamela Young [pamyco@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2008 6:34 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Senate Transportation and International Affairs Committee Hearing on March 17, 2008 at 1:55 PM -
Testimony in Support of HB 2437 Relating to Traffic

Dear Chair English and Members of the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,

I strongly support HB 2437 requiring the Department of Transportation to conduct a comprehensive review of traffic improvements for the Central Oahu corridor including regional connectivity and travel time mitigation, and to appropriate the necessary funds for the study. The review is necessary as some additional 25,000 housing units are planned to be constructed in Central Oahu by 2030, resulting in population in Central Oahu that is projected to rival that of the Ewa region.

I am grateful that the Legislature previously appropriated funds for a Central Oahu transportation study (Act 178, SLH 2005). Unfortunately, the funds lapsed on June 30, 2007.

I sincerely thank you for hearing this bill and am hopeful that you will move it forward.

Pamela Young

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