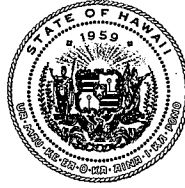


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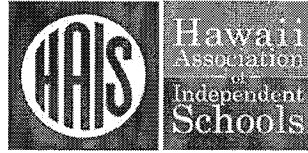
TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 162

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

House Concurrent Resolution 162 recognizes the importance of bicycling, encourages Hawaii residents to ride bicycles for transportation as well as recreation, and urges the Hawaii Department of Transportation to embrace “complete street” policies.

The Department supports the intent of these resolutions. The DOT and the Federal Highway Administration plan and design state highways to safely accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, and public bus stops except on interstate freeways where such activities are prohibited. A “complete streets” approach is already being incorporated into our land transportation planning program updates that include significant stakeholder involvement.



April 15, 2009
1:20 p.m.
Conference Room 224

TESTIMONY TO
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

RE: HCR 162 – Recognizing the Importance of Bicycling

Dear Chair English; Vice Chair Gabbard; and Members of the Committee:

My name is Robert Witt, and I am executive director of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS), which represents 97 private and independent schools statewide that educate over 30,000 elementary and secondary students.

HAIS is in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 162, which recognizes the importance of bicycling.

The Association supports and encourages students and all Hawaii residents to ride bicycles as means of both transportation and recreation. Bicycling incorporates cardiovascular exercise and provides many health benefits. In addition, it is an environmentally friendly activity; as an alternative to driving, it reduces greenhouse gas emissions, the number of cars on our roads, and the demand for parking spaces. The many benefits of bicycling are well documented.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

TO: Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs

DATE: Sunday, April 12, 2009

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HEARING: Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 1:20 p.m.

SUBJECT: HCR 162 Importance of Bicycling - Support

Aloha Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard and Committee Members,

This resolution recognizes the importance of bicycling in Hawaii, and I wholeheartedly support it. Bicycling has so many benefits, it provides a solution to many of the concerns people have today.

I urge you to vote yes for this resolution. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.