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March 16, 2009

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Transportation
State House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Souki and Members:

**Subject: Senate Bill No. 715
Relating to Transportation**

The Department of Planning and Permitting **supports** Senate Bill 715, 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-2, HRS.

Please adopt Senate Bill 715.

Sincerely yours,

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David K. Tanoue, Director
Department of Planning and Permitting

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March 14, 2009

TO: Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Danny A. Mateo
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 715, 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 between the plans. It will also eliminate the potential for conflict with county plans when the State transportation plan is implemented.
2. The 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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BIA-HAWAII

BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

March 16, 2009

The Honorable Joseph Souki, Chair
Committee on Transportation
State Capitol, Room 309
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Chair Souki and Members of the House Committee on Transportation:

Subject: House Bill No. SB 715 “Relating to Transportation”

I am Karen Nakamura, Chief Executive Officer of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

BIA-Hawaii strongly supports SB 715 “Relating to Transportation”.

SB 715 proposes 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 levels to maximize our returns.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our views.



Chief Executive Officer
BIA-Hawaii



**House Committee on Transportation
Monday, March 16, 2009
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 309, State Capitol**

Re: SB 715 relating to Transportation

Chair Souki, Vice Chair Awana and members of the committee:

My name is Jim Tollefson, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii works on behalf of its members and the entire business community to:

- Improve the state's economic climate
- Help businesses thrive

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii supports the need for better planning and funding of proposed infrastructure in the State.

S.B. 715 proposes to amend Chapter 179 HRS to require that the statewide transportation plan include a provision to comply with county transportation-related plans, county general plans, and all community, development, or community development plans adopted pursuant to the county general plan.

The legislation is intended to essentially require the State to follow the lead of the Counties in planning and prioritizing where infrastructure should be provided to accommodate the planned growth in each county. The State and County planning process appears to be occurring independent of one another. This bill will provide better coordination between the State and County for planned transportation infrastructure.

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii strongly supports S.B. 715.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you.



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The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
House Committee on Transportation
State Capitol, Room 309
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: S.B. 715 Relating to Transportation

HEARING DATE: Monday, March 16, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Aloha Chair Souki, Vice Chair Awana, and Members of the Committee:

I am Myoung Oh, here to testify on behalf of the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS® (HAR) and its 9,600 members. HAR **supports** S.B. 715 which requires the State Transportation Council to comply with county transportation and general plans.

HAR believes this bill improves coordination between state and county plans, which is critical to ensure that the various counties and the state are planned, funded, and coordinated in a timely and efficient basis.

HAR looks forward to working with our state lawmakers in building better communities by supporting quality growth, seeking sustainable economies and housing opportunities, embracing the cultural and environmental qualities we cherish, and protecting the rights of property owners.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.