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IN REPLY REFER TO:

April 20, 2009

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 119

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Senate Concurrent Resolution 119 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 streets” policies.

The Department supports the intent of these resolutions. The DOT and the Federal Highway Administration to 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.



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TO: Representative Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Representative Karen Leinani Awana, Vice-Chair
House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Mitchell S. Nakagawa, Executive Director

HEARING DATE: Monday April 20th, 10:15am, Conference Room 309

SUBJECT: Support for SCR119, Recognizing the Importance of Bicycling

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

The Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL) **supports SCR119** and its recognition of bicycling in Hawai'i's health, transportation, economy, and environment.

Bicycling not only influences a span of economic, individual and environmental health, and transportation issues, but also contributes to the development of communities – our children, young adults, adults, families. For over three decades, HBL and its membership have advocated for policies and resolutions that positively impact our quality of life and ensure the vibrancy and longevity of Hawai'i's communities.

We support this valuable resolution and thank you for your attention and opportunity to testify.

Lahaina **B**ypass Now

April 19, 2009

State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: SCR119 – RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF BICYCLING

Aloha Committee Members,

I, Stacie Thorlakson, on behalf of Lahaina Bypass Now (LBN), support Senate Concurrent Resolution 119; Recognizing the Importance of Bicycling. LBN is a community-based organization dedicated to developing transportation solutions for Maui. Therefore, we collaborate with the entire community, including the Maui Mayor and County Council, State Department of Transportation, Maui State Legislators, local businesses and concerned residents.

One of our primary projects has involved a West Maui walk/bike pathway to and from Kapalua and Lahaina that allows residents and/or tourist a healthier and safer commute. The Resolution helps to establish the role of bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation for our residents and visitors.

LBN is also working on creating a Greenway Plan for West Maui. As we move ahead, we are working together with the Maui County and State Department of Transportation to implement a Master Greenway Plan that supports a walk and bike pathway. All of our islands need to recognize alternative modes of transportation; especially as our islands become more sustainable.

We encourage you to support Senate Concurrent Resolution 119. Let's all work together to provide a healthier and safer commute in Hawai'i!

Mahalo for your time and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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TO: Committee on Transportation

DATE: Wednesday, April 15, 2009

FROM: Natalie Iwasa
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HEARING: Monday, April 20, 2009, 10:15 a.m.

SUBJECT: SCR 119 Importance of Bicycling - Support

Aloha Chair Souki, Vice Chair Awana and Committee Members,

This resolution recognizes the importance of bicycling in Hawaii, and I wholeheartedly support it. Bicycling has 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.