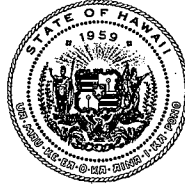


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March 30, 2009

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 50
SENATE RESOLUTION 30

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Senate Concurrent Resolution 50 and Senate Resolution 30 express legislative support for the Ane Keohokalole Highway extension, Mid-level Road, in the county of Hawai'i.

The Department of Transportation supports these resolutions.

We believe that Ane Keohokalole Highway will provide an alternative, parallel route that will reduce traffic congestion currently occurring on Queen Kaahumanu Highway and Mamalahoa Highway. Additionally, the Ane Keohokalole Highway will provide direct access to two major affordable housing projects in the area and simultaneously create needed jobs for people on the island of Hawai'i.

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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

ON SCR 50/SR 30,
EXPRESSING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE ANE KEOHOKALOLE HIGHWAY
EXTENSION, MID-LEVEL ROAD, IN THE COUNTY OF HAWAII.

March 30, 2009

Chair English, Vice-Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands strongly support SCR 50/SR 30 and the Ane Keohokalole Highway extension project in Kealahou, Kona.

There is no question that this highway extension will reduce traffic congestion, improve the quality of life of families residing in the region, and allow for both our department and Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation to build communities in Kealahou that meet the high demand for affordable housing in West Hawai'i.

We appreciate legislative support for this project and thank you for the opportunity to testify on these resolutions.

Linda Lingle
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Statement of
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March 30, 2009, 1:45 p.m.
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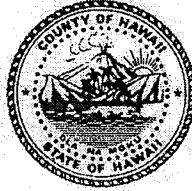
In consideration of
S.C.R. 50

**EXPRESSING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE ANE KEOHOKALO LE HIGHWAY
EXTENSION, MID-LEVEL ROAD, IN THE COUNTY OF HAWAII**

The HHFDC **supports** S.C.R. 50. The Ane Keohokalole Highway extension is an important infrastructure improvement that will aid in the development of over 1100 affordable homes being planned in the HHFDC's Keahuolu development in North Kona, Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 30, 2009

The Honorable Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
And Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation,
International and Intergovernmental Affairs,
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RE: Testimony in Support of Senate Resolution 30 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 50
Hearing Monday, March 30, 2009, at 1:45 p.m., Conference Room 224

Honorable Chair English and Members of the Committee:

We offer our strong support for the state Department of Transportation's request for design and construction money for the Mid-Level road, a project that is part of the Hawaii County General Plan and the Community Development Plan.

This project will generate both short-term and long-term employment, and is part of a cooperative effort by the County of Hawai'i, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, the state Department of Transportation and the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

The Ane Keohokalole Highway would relieve congestion on the crowded Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway by linking Henry Street, Palani Road and the Kealakehe Parkway. When fully completed, it will also link major facilities such as the county's West Hawai'i Civic Center, the Kona airport, the planned community college campus in Kona and Kealakehe High School.

It would also provide access to a 300-acre state parcel at Keahuolu designated for a badly needed state affordable housing project, and provide access for additional development of the Villages of Laiopua on Hawaiian Home Lands. The HHL property is slated for more than 700 homes, and about 2,200 homes are planned on the state lands.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Billy Kenoi
MAYOR

The Pacific Resource
PARTNERSHIP



Testimony of C. Mike Kido
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Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs
Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
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SCR 50 and SR 30 – EXPRESSING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR
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COUNTY OF HAWAII
Monday, March 30, 2009
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Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee:

My name is C. Mike Kido, External Affairs of the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Carpenters Union.

Pacific Resource Partnership strongly supports SCR 50 and SR 30, Expressing legislative support for the Ane Keohokalole Highway extension, mid-level road, in the County of Hawaii.

The senate concurrent resolution states the Ane Keohoalole Highway extension, mid-level road as a priority project that will help reduce traffic congestion and provide access to two major affordable housing projects, which would allow residents to purchase homes being developed. Support of the highway extension together with the housing projects would provide much needed jobs and affordable housing during this tough economic time.

PRP strongly support SCR 50 and SR 30 and respectfully ask for your consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.