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March 30, 2009

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 119
SENATE RESOLUTION 78

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Senate Concurrent Resolution 119 and Senate Resolution 78 recognize the importance of bicycling, encourage Hawaii residents to ride bicycles for transportation as well as recreation, and urge 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: Senator J. Kalani English Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs

FROM: Mitchell S. Nakagawa, Executive Director

HEARING DATE: Monday March 30th, 1:45pm

SUBJECT: Support for SCR119

Chair English 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.

From: Tane . [tane_1@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2009 7:29 PM
To: TIATestimony
Subject: SCR 119 and SCR 78

THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2009
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AFFAIRS

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, March 30, 2009
TIME: 1:45 p.m.
Conference Room 224
PLACE: State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

SCR 119

Testimony

Status

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF BICYCLING.

TIA

SR 78

Testimony

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RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF BICYCLING.

Dear senators:

I support these bills and think it is a good thing to alternative transportation. The other more important is walkways for pedestrians that would walk to different parts of the island as I have in the past. Today, O'ahu is not pedestrian friendly nor bicyclist friendly and over concern for automotive vehicles. There are those not dependent on vehicles and must commute by foot or bicycle. Please take the time to insure there are walkways for pedestrians to walk around the island and bikeways for the cyclists. Even those whose vehicles breakdown on the highways must take risks in walking for help; so walkways are more important than roads and highways for vehicles.

Decades ago, I had to walk from Waiālae Ave. to Wahiawa Heights; today, it would nearly be impossible to do it safely. I also had to walk from downtown Honolulu to Waipahu and again it's hazardous for the pedestrian. A few years ago I was forced to walk from the Airport in early morning when no buses ran, to Pearl City. That was a revelation that the state never thought about the pedestrians or cyclists. It would be a good step to implement the needs of people that cycle or walk to places around the islands from whatever point to another.

Your consideration is most appreciated.

Mahalo ia kakou,

David M.K. Inciong, II

TO: Committee on Transportation, International & Intergovernmental Affairs

DATE: Saturday, March 28, 2009

FROM: Natalie Iwasa
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HEARING: Monday, March 30, 2009, 1:45 p.m.

SUBJECT: SCR 119/SR 78 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 a variety of benefits and 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.