

LATE TESTIMONY

Honorable Joseph Souki, Chair
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives, Hawaii

Hearing: February 3, 2010, 9:00 a.m.; Room 309

Re: HB 1976 – Relating To Transportation

Chair Souki and Honorable Committee Members,

My name is Paul Kopel and I am the Chair of the Legislative Committee for Catrala-Hawaii. Catrala's membership consists of the major u-drive companies in Hawaii and the many businesses which support the industry

Catrala supports this bill with amendments as to appropriations as set forth in HB 2370. This bill may not be necessary and duplicative if this Committee intends to also identify and support the same appropriations in HB 2370

This Legislature with the passage of Act 226 in 2008 sought to fast-track improved services and projects relating to the u-drive (car rental) operations at Hawaii's airports.

Much has been done since the passage of Act 226 including monthly meetings by industry representatives from the mainland attending various planning and design sessions with Hawaii's DOT.

It's now time to take this Program to the next level with further planning and design and actual construction of projects. This bill provides the necessary funding for such work and will serve to help stimulate Hawaii's economy by providing critical jobs.

We thank you for your past support and respectfully urge you to pass this bill with proposed amendments.