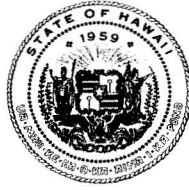


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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2708, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

The State Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of House Bill No. 2708. However, the DOT already has a Public Involvement Policy (PIP) DATED May 2009 that addresses the various requirements contained in this bill. The PIP is consistent with and covers the current federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements for public involvement and is applicable to all of DOT's modal divisions.

Furthermore, the DOT's PIP is posted and available to the public on the DOT's website under Publications.

TO: Representative Souki, Chair
Representative Awana, Vice Chair
Members of the Committees on Transportation

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HEARING: 9 a.m. Monday, February 8, 2010

SUBJECT: HB 2708 Relating to Transportation - **Support**

Aloha Representatives,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify **in support** of HB 2708 which would require the state Department of Transportation to establish a process for public involvement in the statewide transportation plan. I highly support this bill. It has been my experience that communities hear about projects well after they have been planned and many times after it is too late to make modifications. Developing a process whereby the public, and particularly those with a vested interest in those plans, can provide input will provide additional perspectives on our transportation system.

Please vote "yes" on this bill.