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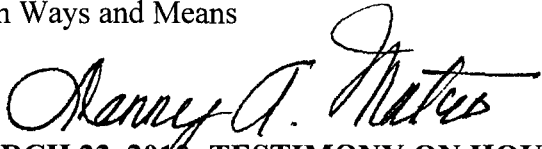


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March 23, 2010

TO: The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Danny A. Mateo  
Council Chair  


SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 23, 2010; TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 865, HD1,  
PROPOSED SD1, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to create a pilot project to transfer maintenance functions of state highways in Maui County from the State Department of Transportation to the Maui County Department of Public Works. This measure would also create a State and Maui County transportation working group to create a plan of implementation.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I offer the following comments:

1. Addressing duplicative State and County functions seems reasonable, particularly during our current fiscal crisis. To include stakeholders from the County of Maui as part of a working group is a necessary and reasonable step in discussing a potential jurisdictional transfer of this complexity.
2. I continue to urge the Committee to maintain a prudent respect for the multiple issues being impacted by a jurisdictional transfer of this scope (on both the County and the State), including the effect on union contracts, sources of revenue, liability, Federal grants, required personnel, equipment purchases, repair, maintenance, and the like.
3. I am concerned with the lack of clarity for the long-term funding mechanisms that will be available to allow the County to properly maintain the minimum standard of efficiency and management required of this potential jurisdictional and fiscal transfer of responsibility. Additionally, there are no assurances of continued funding at the Federal or State level.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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Council Member

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SUBJECT: **Support of commentary provided by Maui County Council Chair Danny A. Mateo,  
RELATING TO House Bill 865, hd1, proposed sd1, Relating to Transportation.**

I support the comments forwarded by Maui County Council Chair Danny A. Mateo regarding HB 865, hd1, proposed sd1, relating to Transportation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.