



**LATE TESTIMONY**

**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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March 29, 2010

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 232/HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 161  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation believes that these projects would be beneficial for the operational flow on Kalanianaʻole Highway from Koko Marina Shopping Center to the intersection at Lunalilo Road and Kalanianaʻole Highway. By adding a second right turn from Lunalilo Home Road onto Kalanianaʻole Highway in the Ewa direction, it would assist in clearing the backup on Lunalilo Home Road and by adding a left-turn pocket from Kalanianaʻole Highway into Koko Marina Shopping Center by removing cars wishing to go to the shopping center out of the travel lanes.

The DOT would like to note that its current top priorities for congestion relief are focused along Interstate Route H-1 where construction of an additional eastbound lane from Middle Street to Vineyard Boulevard (ADT 128,000 vehicles) and implementation of the westbound PM Contraflow Lane from Radford Drive to the Waiawa Interchange (ADT 200,000+ vehicles) will provide a greater benefit to a greater percentage of the state's population. In addition, the DOT is investigating the installation of an additional eastbound lane from Punahou Street to Pali Highway (ADT 160,000 vehicles) which will benefit motorists from East Oahu, as well as those impacted by the Lunalilo On-Ramp modifications during the morning commute.



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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair  
Committee on Transportation  
State Capitol, Rm. 403  
Honolulu, HI 96813

### **SUBJECT: WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HCR232/HR161**

Dear Chair Souki,

I am writing today in **strong support of HCR232/HR161** which encourages the Department of Transportation to prioritize the installation of a left-turn-only lane on Kalanianaʻole Highway Koko Head-bound into the Koko Marina Shopping Center and the installation of a second right-turn lane from Lunalilo Home Road Ewa-bound onto Kalanianaʻole Highway.

I believe these projects would greatly improve road safety, particularly along Kalanianaʻole Highway. Currently, the lack of a left-turn-only lane for drivers turning into Koko Marina Shopping Center causes constant traffic hazards with people darting in and out of the line for the shopping center so they can make a left onto Lunalilo Home Road. I have heard many complaints from residents and business owners regarding the dangers presented on that stretch of road.

The installation of a second right-turn lane from Lunalilo Home Road is mainly necessary because the district has grown since the roads were originally designed. Most residents will agree that traffic has greatly increased yet Lunalilo Home Road is one of the few streets in my district that has yet to be adjusted for that increase. This traffic increase also adds to the dangers presented on Kalanianaʻole Hwy. without a left-turn-only lane.

For these reasons, I respectfully request the passage of HCR232/HR161 to improve safety and convenience for the people of Hawaii Kai and our many visitors.

With Aloha,

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