

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 14, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2153  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 2153 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOLL ROADS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to alleviate traffic congestion on Hawaii's roadways, as well as provide a dedicated source of revenue for the maintenance of heavily used highways and roads by authorizing the Department of Transportation to establish toll roads for motor vehicle traffic in the State.

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Hawaii Transportation Association, and Building Industry Association of Hawaii testified in opposition of this measure. The Department of Transportation provided comments.

Toll roads have been used by numerous metropolitan areas around the country as a means of mitigating motor vehicle traffic and paying for repairs and maintenance of roadways that are heavily used. Your Committee finds that traffic congestion is an increasing problem on public roadways in the State and that toll roads may be a way of reducing traffic while offering a dedicated source of revenue for the maintenance of heavily used roadways and highways.

However, your Committee understands fairness issues raised regarding the establishment of tolls on roads that are the only

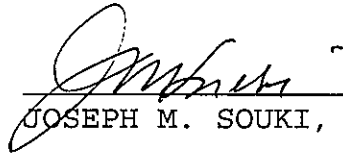


means of access to a particular area. As such, your Committee has amended this measure by stipulating that no toll road may be constructed or designated where there is no alternative toll-free route available for public use.

Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2153, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2153, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Transportation,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



HSCR 326-12

Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

| Bill/Resolution No.:<br>HB 2153   | Committee Referral:<br>TRN, FIN | Date:<br>2/6/12 |      |         |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.   |                                 |                 |      |         |
| The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) |                                 |                 |      |         |
| TRN Members   | Ayes                            | Ayes (WR)       | Nays | Excused |
| 1. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)   | /                               |                 |      |         |
| 2. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)   | /                               |                 |      |         |
| 3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.   | /                               |                 |      |         |
| 4. CULLEN, Ty   | /                               |                 |      |         |
| 5. LEE, Marilyn B.  |                                 |                 |      | /       |
| 6. LUKE, Sylvia   | /                               |                 |      |         |
| 7. <del>OKAMURA, Tom</del>  |                                 |                 |      |         |
| 8. SAIKI, Scott K.  | /                               |                 |      |         |
| 9. TAKUMI, Roy M.   |                                 |                 |      | /       |
| 10. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.  | /                               |                 |      |         |
| 11. FONTAINE, George R.   | /                               |                 |      |         |
| 12. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling  | /                               |                 |      |         |
| TOTAL (12)  | 9                               |                 |      | 2       |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted<br>If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.<br>committee acronym(s)   |                                 |                 |      |         |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Linda Ichiyama</u>   |                                 |                 |      |         |
| Distribution: Original (White) -- Committee Duplicate (Yellow) -- Chief Clerk's Office Duplicate (Pink) -- HMSO   |                                 |                 |      |         |