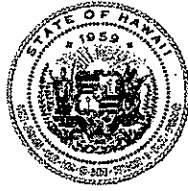


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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2153, HD1
RELATING TO TOLL ROADS**

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports the concept of public-private partnership (PPP) agreements under which private partners can assess tolls for the private finance, planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of transportation improvements on public property; and new methods for the funding for the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of public roads.

At this time, the DOT has concerns on the use of applicable tolling strategies towards the diverse types of tolling facilities. To this end, the DOT prefers that a feasibility study be completed prior to the passing of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



February 24, 2012

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON HB 2153 hd1 RELATING TO TOLL ROADS**

Thank you Chair Oshiro and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) with over 400 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

Hawaii Transportation Association opposes this bill.

We have already paid for our current infrastructure and should not be double charged for it. Maintenance of the infrastructure should continue to be funded through the Department of Transportation's current revenue sources.

When you toll any major roadway all that does is force traffic onto the smaller roads which are normally those in the residential areas. Traffic in communities is already congested with residents trying to get in or out of their homes. Adding through traffic to that mix decreases traffic flow, increases impatience, and increases the probability of accidents.

Making matters worse is the fact that a large part of the community traffic is pedestrians. They do not mix well with impatient drivers.

We do not oppose the use of third parties, nor the concept of tolls on new infrastructure.

Thank you.

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Reps SOUKI, ICHIYAMA, YAMASHITA, Aquino, Cullen, Luke, Saiki, Fontaine, Johanson, Awana, Cullen, Har, Pine, Rhoads, & Yamane: Those of you who introduced or approved his bill are betraying the interest of the working-poor, the less-well-off commuters. A toll road, as you well know, will force poor people off the freeway so those who can afford it will enjoy the freeway that you have cleared for them. That's dirty, and I hope your constituents who are adversely affected by this REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE . . . but I suppose all the moneyed interests profiting from The Rail are contributing to your election coffers. Am I wrong? Where are your ethics?

My rep. M. Lee has been excused from voting on this. I hope she would have had the guts to stand alone and vote NO.