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 WAM Testimony

 Subject:
 HB 2684 HD2 SD1

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Aloha Chair Ige and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

I am testifying in SUPPORT of HB 2684 HD2 SD1: Relating to the Zipper Lane.

This feasibility study could go a long way to helping out those commuters beginning their travels west of the current "on-ramp" into the zipper lane by allowing them to by-pass the oft congested Kunia interchange, thereby saving time, vehicle wear and costs associated with longer commute times in congested traffic. As our population grows and urban growth boundaries are filled-in westward, we know that traffic congestion will only worsen, no matter the "solution" being proposed today.

This potential relief would be a boon in time-savings for workers facing increasingly longer commute times in the morning as they compete for roadway space with others whose journey is much shorter. This could allow for more quality personal and family time thereby contributing to the healthier long-term well-being of our residents.

I urge you to SUPPORT this bill.

Mahalo,

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 2684 HD2 SD1 RELATING TO THE ZIPPER LANE

Senate Committee On Ways and Means Chair David Y. Ige Vice Chair Michelle N. Kidani And Committee Members

DATE: Wednesday, March 28, 2012

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 211

## Aloha kakou.

Mahalo for this opportunity to continue to support HB 2684 HD2 SD1. West Oahu residents, namely Wai'anae Coast residents, have long endured numerous delays and traffic jams on their H1 Eastbound commute. Much of this is caused by over-congestion, limited routes and limited modes of transportation Eastward. To include distracted drivers, unsound vehicles and poor road conditions that also contribute to excessive travel times and vehicle maintenance, as Nationally noted.

This Zipper Lane feasibility study will reveal and validate the need to alleviate traffic congestion immediately by extending the Zipper Lane west of Kunia/Waipahu towards Wai'anae. In addition, the commuters from Kunia and Fort Weaver Roads (Schofield, Kunia/Village Park, Waipahu, Ewa and Ewa Beach) will also realize a reduction in congestion and easier access to the Zipper Lane.

Therefore, I urge you to PASS HB 2684 HD2 SD1, with appropriations, out of your committee and on the Senate Floor.

Me ka ha'aha'a, Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai