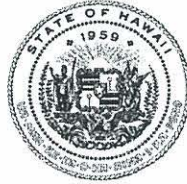


# HB2684, HD2

RELATING TO THE ZIPPER LANE.

Requires the Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study on the extension of the zipper lane westward from Waipahu toward Kapolei, west of the Kunia on-ramp. Requires the Department of Transportation to submit a report to the Legislature twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014. Appropriates funds for the study. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB2684 HD2)

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

March 14, 2012

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2684, H.D. 2  
RELATING TO THE ZIPPER LANE**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports HB 2684, HD 2 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

ATTN: CHAIR J. KALANI ENGLISH

Testimony In Support of HB 2684 HD2 Relating to the Zipper Lane

March 14, 2012, 1:16 p.m.

Conference Room 224

Aloha,

While the Honolulu rail project has been touted as a manner in which traffic should get no worse than it is today, especially with the continuing development allowed on the `Ewa plain, many residents of Wai`anae need a more immediate relief from the traffic congestion experienced in the morning rush hour traffic going into Honolulu.

For residents of Wai`anae, it is a common occurrence that commuters entering the H-1 east of commuters initiating their road trips from Wai`anae, Makakilo, Kapolei and other communities west of the Kunia Road and Fort Weaver Road on-ramp contributes to the congestion of the H-1 freeway and therefore cause commuters from farther entry points to the H-1 to not be able to enter the Zipper Lane without going through that mire of congestion in the morning thereby adding time to their already lengthy commute into Honolulu.

This study allows for analysis of that situation and how the extension of the Zipper Lane west of the Kunia and Fort Weaver on-ramp will provide more relief for traffic which initiates west of this point thereby reducing the time spent by commuters on the H-1 in the effort to reach their Honolulu destination, and the cost of that implementation.

For this reason, I strongly urge SUPPORT of this bill which could lead to much needed traffic relief NOW.

Mahalo,

Cynthia K.L. Rezentes

Wai`anae resident

LATE

*Aloha Kakou Honorable State Legislators,*

**Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs:**

**Chair,** Kalani English & **Vice Chair,** Will Espero

**Committee Members:** Sen M. Gabbard, Sen G. Kahele, Sen R. Kouchi, Sen Sam Slom

**SUPPORT HB 2684 HD2**

**“Department of Transportation Feasibility Study for Zipper Lane”**

I humbly request the support and approval of this bill as this feasibility study will assist in collecting data and information that is needed to justify the extension of the Zipper Lane to and from Honolulu for residents of the Waianae Coast who work in and beyond the Honolulu City location and area.

In recent years, with the increase in the Waianae District’s population, and the general trend of more automobile use by most citizens, traffic congestion on Farrington Highway has grown progressively worse. Congestion during the peak traffic period for morning commuters (about 5-7am) has been aggravated by the addition of unsynchronized traffic signal lights. Commuters headed for jobs in the downtown Honolulu or Waikiki area to include the students that attend private schools or the University of Hawaii-Manoa campus or any other colleges or university campuses still face the facts that they must leave the Waianae Coast District early in the morning to allow for a 1-2 hour drive which has continued to worsen with the increased development in the Ewa and Kapolei areas.

As for their commute home after fulfilling their job, work or school hours, these same people who are driving to and from town must now deal with the traffic issues and congestion not only between the Airport viaduct to the Kunia off-ramp area, but also with the traffic and congestion dilemma between Black Rock in Nanakuli to their eventual destination to Maili, Waianae and Makaha here in the Waianae Coast.

As a possible solution to this increasing severe commuter problem, many area residents have advocated for a “Reverse Zipper-Lane (RZL)” for the Pau Hana Drivers after their job, work and college hours. Senator Colleen Hanabusa shared in 2010 with the Nanakuli & Waianae Neighborhood Boards that she was going to work on investigating the researching this possibility for a RZL. Unfortunately, Hanabusa moved on to the Congressional political arena which has left our Waianae Coast District without a conclusion or outcome as to her work on the RZL and this serious matter for our resident drivers.

I am a firm believer that the more time people can spend with their loved-ones especially our keiki and children, the rewards and benefits are insurmountable in that the family unit and dynamics become strong and solid; in that each family member’s attitude and perception on life becomes much more positive and productive. This bill’s intention, fortunately which was revived by our District House Representative Jo Jordan, was God sent and a much needed boost to the hopes of having this Zipper Lane expanded for the residents of the Waianae Coast Community.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

**Kimo Kelii**, Nanakuli-Maili Neighborhood Board member; V.P. Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association; Nanakuli High & Intermediate School PTSA and SCC officer

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Dear Senators,

I am in strong support and request your support for passage of H.B. No. 2684 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ZIPPER LANE,"

Motor vehicle transportation has been and continues to be a critical necessity for Hawaii's drivers. Increased time spent on the road in travel decreases time spent with family or at work, work efficiency, and quality of life. The population has grown and will continue to grow significantly on the west side of Oahu; the need for more travel lanes in the direction of commuter flow is greatly needed.

Thank you,

AL Frenzel

Voter and Tax Payer