

HB 505,  
HD2



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

March 21, 2011

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 505, H.D. 2

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS &  
PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

TITLE: RELATING TO FLOOD MITIGATION

DESCRIPTION: Appropriates funds for flood mitigation on Farrington Highway between Maili and Nanakuli.

POSITION: The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports this Bill, so long as it is accompanied with an independent appropriation that does not impact the DOT's capital program budget and the priority of projects, therein.

Flooding along Farrington Highway between Nanakuli and Maili has been an ongoing issue during periods of heavy rainfall. Our Highways Division's maintenance staff is well aware of the flood occurrences and removes debris from the highway as well as performs inspections of the existing drainage system during and immediately after a major rainstorm.

The appropriation of funds to prepare a feasibility study that include drainage improvement alternatives, costs associated with these alternatives will be most desirable. The results of the feasibility study shall determine additional funds necessary for the design and construction of drainage improvement projects in the area.

Drainage improvements will not only alleviate flooding and improve road conditions during inclement weather but will reduce maintenance costs for the Highways Division.

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 505 H.D. 2  
A BILL RELATING TO FLOOD MITIGATION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL WONG  
DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

March 21, 2011

Chair English, Chair Espero and Committee Members:

I am Darryll Wong, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony on House Bill 505 H.D. 2.

During past flood disasters including the recent heavy rains and flooding caused by severe weather on January 12-14, 2011, State Civil Defense, Department of Defense, has witnessed repetitive flooding in areas along Farrington Highway between Ma'ili and Nanakuli and also in areas inland where poor roadside drainage has contributed to flooded homes, farms, and ranches.

We appreciate the Legislature's interest in addressing repetitive flooding along Farrington Highway to include other areas prone to flooding in the Lualualei Watershed, island of Oahu. We therefore support the intent of this bill so long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as established in the Executive Biennium Budget Request.

We defer to the Department of Transportation for additional comments in support or opposition to House Bill 505 H.D. 2 with respect to Farrington Highway.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on this bill.

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**Comments:**

Good morning Chairman English, Chair Espero, and members of the committee,

I am a resident from Waianae, Hawaii. I am also a student at HCC. During the last week of January there were very heavy rains which caused flooding in my neighborhood as well as Farrington Hwy. I do not own a car so I have to wake up at 4:30am every morning to catch the bus to school.

My neighborhood was flooded and I had to walk to the bus stop in about 5 inches of rain water, not to mention it was still raining! I thought I would be fine with my umbrella but by the time I got onto the bus I was drenched. It took us 2 hours just to get out of the Waianae Coast. As we finally crept out of Waianae, It took us another 2 hours to get to Down Town Honolulu. Buses are air-conditioned, so I froze the whole way and actually caught a cold.

There is only one way in and out of Waianae. The roads were flooded, which caused insane traffic. I usually leave early to avoid the traffic leaving Nanakuli as well as the traffic between there and town. I can't believe that they only had one lane open for the thousands of residents on the Waianae Coast. Was there no water drainage!?

Something needs to be done about the drainage on Farrington Hwy. soon! I support House Bill 505. I hope these committees see the importance of this measure. There needs to be funds to take care of the mitigation on Farrington Hwy. Mahalo for your time and consideration!

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn

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Comments:

I understand the deficit that Hawaii is faced with, but our district really needs this. The last flood brought up many issues that have been put on the back burner for far too long. There was no alternate access out of the district, no emergency plan. The fact is that this is the livelihood of our people along the Waianae Coast. This problem of the most recent flood is due to the fact that certain duties are not being done and no one cares. It is a problem for us because we are the ones experiencing this neglect time after time. If this were to be a situation in Hawaii Kai or Waikiki, funds would be released immediately and the response for remediation would happen overnight. Livestock and farms have been ruined. The flooding reached over 6 feet in certain areas. Medical waste is still washing up on the shores and this could have been prevented. Why is it never a pro-active approach?

We cannot stress enough the frustrations that we feel because this is our Hawaii. Why are we so concerned with Homeless in Waikiki? Why can we not address the homeless problem that affects our whole island? Please support this bill. This is a priority problem that we much resolve asap!

THANK YOU!

Sharon Lum Ho

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Comments:  
I support HB 505. FIX OUR ROADS!

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**Comments:**

I apologize that I was not able to attend this hearing, but I support House Bill 505. The rains in January caused traffic and havoc for the residents of Waianae. My community is infested with flies and mosquitoes due to all the flooding. This bill is very important. Thank you for your time.

Mahalo,  
Jalisa

Sharon Lum Ho

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**Comments:**

Im sorry for not being able to make it to this mornings hearing, but I do support House Bill 505 relating to Flood Mitigation for Nanakuli, Maili, and Lualualei. This bill is very important for the residents of the Waianae Coast. There is only one way into and out of our Coast. It's bad enough that we don't have a second access road. I live in Maili and during the January rains, my entire road was flooded because there was no drainage on Farrington Hwy. This needs to be fixed immediately! Again, I support House Bill 505. Mahalo for allowing me to testify on this bill.



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I support HB505. Mahalo