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WLO Public Hearing  
February 02, 2011  
Testimony of Lyn Batten  
Regarding House Bill 505

Good morning Chairman Chang and members of the committee,

I am a resident of Waianae, Hawaii. I live in Maili and I am 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 4:30 am 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. Then another 2 hours to get to Down Town, Honolulu. Buses are air-conditioned, so I froze the whole way and actually caught a cold a few days later.

There is only 1 way in and out of Waianae. The roads were flooded, which caused insane traffic! I like to leave early to avoid the traffic in Nanakuli and avoid the traffic in between there and town. I can't believe that they only had one lane open for the thousands of residents on Waianae Coast. There wasn't even a contraflow lane. Was there no water drainage!? Something needs to be done about the drainage on Farrington Hwy. Soon!

I support House Bill 505. There needs to be funds to take care of flood mitigation on Farrington Hwy. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
L.Batten

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Aloha Chair & Vice Chair of WLO

I was asked to testify on this measure. Im a 3rd Generation Maili Resident and I was stuck in traffic when the heavy rains came down in Jan. I testify in full support for flood mitigation along Farrington Highway. Water levels were pretty bad the morning I was coming into town for work. I was driving in at least a foot of water passing through Maili and Nanakuli.

A lot of you members don't understand the trouble and headache it is when Farrington Hwy get traffic or is shut down. There is only one way in and one way out of the west coast. I hope we can prevent this from happening again.

Mahalo for letting me testify

Kevin Oponui