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**H.B. 1112  
RELATING TO HIGHWAYS**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of HB 1112 to improve traffic capacity and flow from Waipahu, Kunia and Kapolei. We offer the following comments:

1. Section 1(a)(1) – It is premature to provide a separate lane on the H-1, from Kunia Road to the H-1/H-2 merge. The DOT is currently in discussions with area developers to install additional lanes on H-1 in this section as part of mitigation.
2. Section 1(a)(2) – It is not possible to provide a shoulder lane between Kapolei and Kualakai Parkway because the shoulder configuration at the Kualakai Parkway offramp does not allow the shoulder to be continuous through the offramp. Extensive reconstruction and improvements are necessary to provide a continuous shoulder lane through the Kualakai Parkway offramp.

There would need to be work done on the shoulders to provide a shoulder lane on H-1 eastbound, between Kualakai Parkway and Kunia Road. While the speed limit would need to be reduced to 55 mph from the existing 60 mph, shoulder reconstruction work would need to be improved due its deteriorated condition. The street lighting pullboxes in the shoulder also need to be relocated.

3. Section 1(a)(3) – There is not enough roadway and on-ramp widths to accommodate an additional lane on Kunia Road from Waipahu Street to the H-1 freeway by restriping. Adding an additional lane in this section would require widening and relocation of the walls on the right side of the onramp, and potential right-of-way acquisition.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Comments: I have lived in the Waipahu area for over 10 years and have seen the changes to the Kunia on ramp. It took lanes away from the Kunia residents and gave more lanes to those coming out of Ewa, then it changed again and gave priority to those coming from Kapolei on the H-1 Freeway. More changes need to be made, because it is unsafe and the traffic merges are bad.

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