
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SADDLE ROAD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that late United States
2 Senator Daniel K. Inouye was instrumental in obtaining federal
3 funding for Hawaii, including federal highway funds for saddle
4 road on the island of Hawaii. To honor Senator Inouye's legacy,
5 the purpose of this Act is to rename saddle road as the Daniel
6 K. Inouye legacy highway.

7 SECTION 2. Route 200, known as saddle road, on the island
8 of Hawaii shall be renamed the "Daniel K. Inouye legacy
9 highway."

10 SECTION 3. The renaming of saddle road under this Act
11 shall not be deemed to affect any federal or state funding for
12 saddle road.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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H.B. NO. 751

Report Title:

Saddle Road; Renaming

Description:

Renames saddle road as the Daniel K. Inouye legacy highway.

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HAWAI‘I COUNTY COUNCIL

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February 11, 2013

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
and Members of the House
Committee on Transportation

Dear Chair Yamane and Committee Members,

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of House Bill 751.

The Hawai‘i County Council on February 20, 2013, will vote on Resolution No. 52-13, which urges the Legislature to rename the Saddle Road as the “Daniel K. Inouye Legacy Highway.”

Senator Daniel K. Inouye’s role in shaping the modern State of Hawai‘i is unmatched. His record of service to his state and country, from the U.S. Army to the U.S. Senate, is reflected in his many interests, from national defense to higher education, astronomy, economic and community development and transportation.

The realignment of the Saddle Road is one of Senator Inouye’s enduring legacies. It brings East and West Hawai‘i closer together. It is a modern, safe, high-capacity highway that could not have been started without his support. I respectfully ask your committee to recommend approval of this bill.

Sincerely,

Dennis “Fresh” Onishi
Hawai‘i County Council
District 3

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RESOLUTION NO. 52 13

A RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I TO RENAME THE SADDLE ROAD IN HONOR OF DANIEL K. INOUYE.

WHEREAS, Daniel K. Inouye was elected as the United States Senator from Hawai‘i in 1962, and re-elected in 1968, 1974, 1980, 1986, 1992, 1998, 2004 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, Senator Inouye was chair of the Appropriations Committee and President Pro Tempore at the time of his death on December 17, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Senator Inouye represented the people of Hawai‘i and the nation honestly and to the best of his ability; and

WHEREAS, Senator Inouye used his seniority and influence during his nearly 50 years in the Senate to help Hawai‘i benefit from federal expenditures relating to national defense, transportation, higher education, astronomy, agriculture, economic development and community development; and

WHEREAS, Senator Inouye directed federal funds to Hawai‘i for the realignment of State Route 200, known as the Saddle Road; and

WHEREAS, the completed Saddle Road will support national defense, transportation, astronomy, agriculture, economic development and community development; and

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i Senate Bill No. 50 would rename the Saddle Road the “Daniel K. Inouye legacy highway”; and

WHEREAS, the renaming of the Saddle Road would not affect the status of federal or state funding for ongoing and future construction; and


WHEREAS, the renaming of the Saddle Road is an appropriate and permanent way to remind users of the highway of the legacy of Senator Inouye; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I that the Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i is urged to rename the Saddle Road in honor of Daniel K. Inouye.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Honorable Governor Neil Abercrombie, the Honorable Senate President Donna Mercado Kim, the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives Joe Souki, the Honorable Senator Gilbert Kahele, the Honorable Senator Russell Ruderman, the Honorable Senator Josh Green, the Honorable Senator Mālama Solomon, the Honorable Representative Mark Nakashima, the Honorable Representative Cliff Tsuji, the Honorable Representative Richard Onishi, the Honorable Representative Faye Hanohano, the Honorable Representative Denny Coffman, the Honorable Representative Nicole Lowen, the Honorable Representative Cindy Evans, and the Honorable Mayor William P. Kenoi.

Dated at _____, Hawai'i, this _____ day of _____, 2013.

INTRODUCED BY:



COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

COUNTY COUNCIL
County of Hawai'i
Hilo, Hawai'i

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the County of Hawai'i on _____.

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK CHAIRPERSON & PRESIDING OFFICER

ROLL CALL VOTE

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Reference: _____ C-115/Waived GREDC

RESOLUTION NO. **52 13**

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February 11, 2013

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wed., Feb. 13, 2013; 10 AM; Conference Rm. 309;

HB 251 RELATING TO SADDLE ROAD

Chair Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, V. C. Rep. Linda Ichiyama and Committee Members:

Good Morning. My name is Dante K. Carpenter, a resident and President of the 469 Unit - Country Club Village Condo Association in the Salt Lake Area of O'ahu for the past 16 years, and former elected member of the Hawai'i State legislature, as well as Councilman and Mayor of Hawai'i County, presently serving as Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

I am writing to ask your unequivocal support HB 751, Relating to the Saddle Road. House Bill 751 *renames the Saddle Road as the Daniel K. Inouye legacy highway*. If you've travelled the Saddle Road lately, you'll note that it's a very beautiful drive which meets federally designed standards and specifications, and it's an absolutely safe highway as well when compared with its past history! (Refer to enclosed letter to Transportation Director Glen Okimoto on October 11, 2011.)

I don't know how many of you have ever travelled the Saddle Road on the Big Island, but, indeed it's the main corridor between the East and West sides of the island and County of Hawai'i. I'm sure that you all know, as well, that the Big Island is virtually twice as large as all the others islands combined (including O'ahu), and it's still growing!

This roadway reconstruction is still a "work in progress," as the last 10-mile segment to the Mamalahoa Highway & Waimea Junction nears completion. This will become a key network to move commerce as well as workers and tourists needing to transit this large land mass. Needless to say, Senator Daniel K. Inouye was instrumental during his many years in congress to insure the funding necessary to complete this necessary transportation connection, for which we are all very grateful. Mahalo a nui loa, Senator Inouye!

HB251 is, indeed, an important bill. This Cross-Island Corridor between communities is a key to the future growth of Hawai'i County!

Mahalo a nui loa for your support! DKC

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February 11, 2013
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October 11, 2011

Glen Okimoto
Director
Hawai'i Department of Transportation
869 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sir:

Subject: County of Hawai'i, West Saddle Road Application – US DOT TIGER Grant

My name is Dante K. Carpenter, a concerned citizen of Hawai'i whose residence is presently in the Salt Lake area of Honolulu, Hawai'i. I have occupied positions as a former state senator, OHA administrator and trustee, as well as Councilman and Mayor of the County of Hawai'i. Further, I am a consulting engineer, retired naval officer, and am also the Chairman of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i (DPH). I was elected Interim DPH Chairman in January 2010 and subsequently elected in its May 2010 convention by acclamation until its next convention in May of 2012 (Presidential Election Year).

I am in strong support of the subject TIGER Grant application, particularly as a former resident and Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of the County of Hawai'i, one of the fastest growing counties in the state of Hawai'i. It is still vivid in my mind, shortly after my inauguration as mayor of Hawai'i County, my telephone conversation and subsequent meeting in 1985 with Lt. Gen. Charles W. Bagnel (Bio attached), who commanded the U. S. Army Western Command, later named the U. S. Army Pacific (USARPAC). After the occurrence of another of many serious accidents on the infamous "Saddle Road" between Hilo and the Mamalahoa Highway in South Kohala, *I personally called General Bagnel on the telephone and asked him "if he was as tired of killing young soldiers stationed at Pohakuloa (PTA) as I was tired of killing civilians driving the very dangerous Saddle Road – and if so, could we meet and do something about it, immediately?" His response was an unhesitant "Yes Sir!"*

We met soon thereafter at the Old Kona Airport and literally "shook hands" over the objectives and immediately over the next several years were able to effectuate with "matching" state/county funding in conjunction with appropriations from special FHA and military emergency resources "safety improvements" initially up to the saddle area. Straightening curves originally designed for convoy protection so as to improve "sight distance" was the "order of the day" to minimize the chance of head on collisions, among other road safety and navigation problems, for both military and civilian transport activities to both East and West Hawai'i. This Cross-Island Corridor between communities is a key to the future growth of Hawai'i County!

Director Glen Okimoto
October 11, 2011
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Hawai'i County Public Works staff and especially Design Consultants Okahara & Associates were invaluable during its initial reparation efforts and subsequent incremental modern improvements made to this important highway. Particularly with Sen. Daniel Inouye's oversight over recent years, progress has been truly remarkable.

Finally, this section will expedite and improve the mobility needs of the Striker Brigade and other transport vehicles transiting from Kawaihae Harbor to the Pohakuloa Training Area on the saddle area between Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea mountains. It is both fitting and "a long time coming" in support of mutual community and military training needs!

Respectfully submitted,

Dante K. Carpenter

Copies to:

State Officials
Hawai'i County Officials
Army Officials

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Testimony of
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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February 13, 2013
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309



H.B. 751
RELATING TO SADDLE ROAD

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of this bill; however, DOT would recommend that the more appropriate method would be to pass a Resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

