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The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
and Members
House Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Subject: House Bill 859, HD 2
Relating to Complete Streets

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) appreciates the efforts of your Committee and the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) to promote safe and transit friendly development of lands under HCDA's control.

DTS supports HB 859, HD 2, to the extent it authorizes HCDA to establish community development rules regarding "complete streets" and establish a procedure for the affected county to present its position on the proposed improvements at a public hearing.

DTS also appreciates that the language of HB 859, HD 2 has been amended to include a finding by the authority that the authority's approval of the proposed improvements necessarily include a finding that the proposed improvements are consistent with the affected county's complete streets policy, principles and current best practices in the affected county

However, DTS continues to oppose HB 859, HD 2 to the extent it mandates that the "county **shall** permit the approved improvements to be constructed and once the improvements are constructed in accordance with the complete street rules adopted by the authority, the county **shall, without qualification, accept dedication thereof.**" (emphasis added)

It is unacceptable for HB 859, HD 2 to mandate the affected county's permitting and acceptance of proposed improvements in accordance with complete street rules yet

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to be adopted by the authority. Further, the language does not speak to other County permitting requirements beyond complete streets' policies and principles, requirements which may or may not be consistent with the proposed improvements approved by the authority.

For these reasons, DTS respectfully opposes HB 859, HD 2 and looks forward to further constructive conversations with the authority regarding the language of HB 859.

Very truly yours,



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Subject: **House Bill 859 HD2, Relating to Complete Streets**

Dear Chair Luke and Committee Members:

I offer testimony in support of the provisions of this bill that would authorize HCDA to establish rules regarding complete streets and a process for the affected county to be notified of, and to present its position on, a developer's proposal that includes improvements to a county highway or any land owned by the county adjacent to a county highway. This level of planning and cooperation is essential to the goal of complete streets.

However, as an advocate for county home rule, I continue to oppose the language that provides that the "county shall permit the approved improvements to be constructed and once the improvements are constructed in accordance with the complete streets rules adopted by the authority, the county shall, without qualification, accept dedication thereof."

I respectfully ask this Committee to delete the proposed new paragraph (e) to Section 206E-5.6 and retain the county's current jurisdiction regarding the permitting and dedication of project improvements.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Breene Harimoto", is written over a horizontal line.

Breene Harimoto
Chair, Committee on Transportation
Honolulu City Council