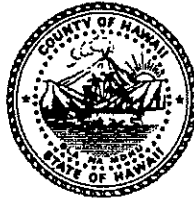


LATE TESTIMONY

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January 29, 2013

Honorable Will Espero, Chair
And Members of the Senate Committee on
Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 224
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
And Members of the Senate Committee on
Transportation and International Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 224
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha Chair Espero, Chair English and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my support for Senate Bill 382, which would allow the County of Hawai'i to use a portion of its fuel tax collections to help maintain substandard private subdivision roads that are used by the public.

The growing populations served by private subdivision roads in areas such as Puna and Ka'u present the county with a complex set of issues and competing interests. With the populations in these areas growing rapidly, we are committed to trying new approaches to help these private subdivisions, and this bill offers the county new flexibility in this effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. P. Kenoi".

William P. Kenoi
MAYOR

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SB382

Submitted on: 1/28/2013

Testimony for PSM/TIA on Jan 29, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Goode	Maui County Department of Public Works	Support	No

Comments: Maui County Department of Public Works (DPW) supports SB386 and would like to see Maui County added alongside Hawaii County as being afforded the same opportunity to spend Fuel Taxes on some of our non-county roads. Our corporation counsel will be reviewing the bill to see if the current language supports our needs, but in general we support the concept behind the bill and wish to be included with Hawaii County. Mahalo for the opportunity to comment and we will work further with the appropriate committees in the language of the bill. D. Goode Director, DPW

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Kuester	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, The fastest growing population areas in our state are in the Puna district and Ka'u. We have serious concerns and difficulties with many of our roads. Some are, frankly, impassable for not only school buses, but for emergency service vehicles. At this juncture, I implore the County of Hawaii to address the pitiful inequity of subdivision roads. We who reside in these areas are equal taxpayers who do not receive equal road services. None of the taxes we have paid have ever gone to our roads. SB 382 does not seek to increase any taxes but provides for a more equitable distribution of tax funds received. I am in full support of this bill and hope that this is the time when our tax dollars will finally go to our very substandard roads. Mahalo.

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Steven Jacquier	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Puna and Ka'u subdivisions have the fastest growing populations in the State. Many roads are impassable for emergency services, school buses. Subdivision residents pay fuel taxes, but none of those funds have ever gone to our roads. Hawaii County must begin to address the inequity of substandard subdivision roads. SB382 does not require an increase in taxes, but allows a more equitable distribution of funds received.

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Scott Baker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I feel that the following position is a widely held position by my neighbors in Paradise Park subdivision. I certainly feel that my taxes should be used to improve roadways. * Puna and Ka'u subdivisions have the fastest growing populations in the State * Many roads are impassable for emergency services, school buses * Subdivision residents pay fuel taxes, but none of those funds have ever gone to our roads * Hawaii County must begin to address the inequity of substandard subdivision roads * SB382 does not require an increase in taxes, but allows a more equitable distribution of funds received

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Knight	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is an equitable non tax raising measure which would create safe and reliable access to two of the fastest growing populations in the state. Especially needed for our children's school buses and emergency vehicle access for a medical and fire crisis.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robin Stetson	Individual	Support	No

January 28, 2013

Re: In Support of HB 382

Esteemed Senators:

Please represent thousands of Big Island citizens by lending your support for SB 382 to assist in providing and maintaining public roadways within our private subdivisions adequate to service police, fire and ambulance vehicles, school and public transport busses and emergency evacuation routes.

You will appreciate that these services are necessities of life that scores of us are doing without.

At this time, the majority of subdivisions within Puna are not able to provide roadways of a standard required for these basic needs, and despite their citizenry contributing day in and day out to Fuel Tax revenue as well as, in many cases, to their individual subdivision's annual road fees and to volunteer labor crews (over decades of time) to create roadways as best they are able.

The task of providing all of the roadways within the subdivisions where they reside, including public roadways adhering to County standards, is beyond what our government should reasonably expect from its citizenry. Please ask yourself ... would you personally be willing to do this??

As you are aware SB 382 does not ask for new taxation, but simply a more equitable distribution of fuel tax revenue to address the substandard publicly-accessed subdivision roads in Hawaii County. I respectfully ask for your participation and representation in righting this long-term inequity by supporting SB 382.

Thank you,

Robin Stetson
Concerned Big Island Citizen
Resident of Puna
Leilani Estates and Fern Acres

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Denise Houghtaling	Individual	Support	No

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Thomas Hauge	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 19 years in HPP. Paid County Property Tax as well-where is that money? State Taxes as well-Hwy.130 where are the improvements? Would like to see a spreadsheet showing the money taken out of Puna(County, State, Feds.,Etc.) and what came back-improvements, services, etc. is that possible????

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Larry Dill	County of Kauai Dept of Public Works	Oppose	No

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John Seastrom	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have been a driver paying fuel taxes in the county of Hawaii for 27 years. I live in Puna, in the Hawaiian Paradise Park subdivision. All these years of paying the fuel taxes and I have yet to see a penny spent on the 123 miles of roads in this subdivision. Instead I have been paying yearly road maintainnace fees up to \$260. Where is the fairness of distributing the fuel tax revenues, when one of the largest and fastest growing subdivisons in the state receives zero fuel tax revenues?