

SB 50

RELATING TO SADDLE ROAD.

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-5097

February 13, 2013
1:17 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

**S.B. 50
RELATING TO SADDLE ROAD**

Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

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.



William P. Kenoi
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February 13, 2013

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

Re: Senate Bill 50, RELATING TO SADDLE ROAD

Aloha, Chair English and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to express our **strong support for Senate Bill 50**, which would rename the Saddle Road. This bill would designate Route 200, which crosses the Island of Hawai'i between the summits of Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa, as the "Daniel K. Inouye Legacy Highway."

We believe this is an appropriate tribute to United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye, who spent his life bringing people together to work for the good of all of Hawai'i. The reconstruction of this highway helps to bind our island community more tightly together and unify us into a single 'ohana in a way that would make the senator proud.

The reconstruction of the Saddle Road is only one of the hundreds of projects that were championed by the senator during his many years of public service, but we believe renaming this highway in his honor is a fitting memorial to his vision and his accomplishments.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

William P. Kenoi
MAYOR

DENNIS "FRESH" ONISHI
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HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL

25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

February 8, 2013

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
and Members of the Senate
Committee on Transportation
and International Affairs

Dear Chair English and Committee Members,

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support of Senate Bill 50.**

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." A copy of this resolution is attached to this letter.

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.

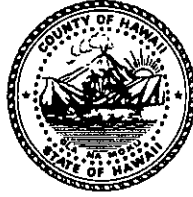
The realignment of the Saddle Road is one of Senator Inouye's enduring legacies. It brings East and West Hawai'i closer together. It is a modern, safe, high-capacity highway that could not have been started without his support. I respectfully ask your committee to recommend approval of this bill.

Sincerely,

Dennis "Fresh" Onishi
Hawai'i County Council
District 3

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COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I



STATE OF HAWAI‘I

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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 Clift 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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