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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of this bill but believes it is unnecessary.

Section 1 of the bill proposes a feasibility study for the construction of an alternative access road to be built mauka of Farrington highway. The DOT believes this is unnecessary since previous studies have determined that the alignment is not feasible. Further, if a study is pursued it would be more suitable for the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization to conduct the study due to their role and responsibility to develop transportation studies that include both State and City roads.

Section 2 of the bill proposes that the DOT undertake a study to develop a comprehensive set of recommendations for improving the traffic flow in the Central Oahu corridor. The DOT feels this analysis is unnecessary, since the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization has proposed a Central Oahu Study that would include the scope of this corridor analysis of central Oahu. Further, the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization is coordinating with the DOT and the City transportation departments on the technical scope of work items for this analysis.

Section 3 of the bill proposes the chief of police and the director of DOT to expeditiously process major accident investigations in order to minimize traffic disruptions by establishing criteria, responsibilities, and procedures. The DOT does not have jurisdiction on the process of major accident investigations. In addition, DOT does not have the resources and knowledge to perform this task.

The DOT continues with its efforts on the deployment of our Freeway Management System which include Intelligent Transportation Systems technologies, such as CCTV (closed-circuit television) cameras, variable message boards (VMS), and traffic sensors statewide. These technologies provide the detection of incidents for the purpose of providing real-time traveler information. Better informed motorists reduce driver frustration and decrease the congestion at these incidents locations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.