

HB 2563, HD2

Requires the Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study on the construction of an alternative access road into and out of the Leeward Coast of Oahu. Requires the Department of Transportation to recommend improvements to traffic in the Central Oahu corridor. Establishes a major accident investigation team in counties with a population of 500,000 or more. Appropriates funds to the Department of Transportation. Effective July 1, 2030.

(HB2563 HD2)



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**H.B. 2563, H.D. 2
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

Senate Committee(s) on Transportation and International Affairs
& Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) provides the following comments to this bill as we believe 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 (OMPO) 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 and duplicative, since the OMPO has proposed a Central Oahu Study that would include the scope of this corridor analysis of Central Oahu. Further, the OMPO 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.

Testimony

In Support of HB 2563

Hawaii Senate Committee on
Transportation and International Affairs
and
Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
March 18, 2014

Dear Chair English and Chair Espero,

I strongly support the passage of HB2563 which:

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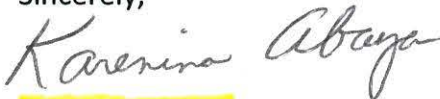
As anyone who lives on the Leeward coast traffic is a major issue in our lives. As more and more people are moving to our beautiful state, more and more cars are using our roads. Currently we spend many hours a week sitting in our cars on the road.

A study and recommendations on how to improve and expedite the flow in traffic would be a wise expenditure of our tax dollars.

Please support HB2563.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Sincerely,



Karenina Abaya

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB2563

Hawaii Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Dear Chair(s) English and Espero,

I strongly support the passage of HB2563 because there must be another access road. If we consider the amount of individuals that are moving into the Leeward District, we would encounter a major road strain during a time of emergency.

Building this Access Road will be the answer not only for our generation but for generations to come. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raiden Lagat", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Raiden Lagat

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Comments: I am in support of HB2563. We desperately need another main road in our district. Case in point was yesterday's accident/fatality. This community was in deadlock for 4 1/2 hours both entering and leaving travelers were trapped. Please PASS this bill so we may have some relief in the near future for our next generation. WE NEED A SECOND ROAD TO THE LEEWARD COAST.....
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