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TESTIMONY OF STANLEY CHANG
CONCILMEMBER FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
On
S.B. No. 2761, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs/Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs/Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Tuesday, February 4, 2014
1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 224

Dear Chairs English, Espero, Hee and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony in support of S.B. 2761 Relating to Transportation in my capacity as Councilmember of the City and County of Honolulu.

S.B. 2761 specifies that a government agency does not assume ownership or jurisdiction over a disputed road solely through maintenance or repair activities, authorizes the State to quitclaim ownership of the roads in favor of counties, and establishes necessary funding for the maintenance and repair of disputed roads through the authorization of an additional county surcharge on state tax.

There has been resistance to maintain such roads as it may be construed as assuming ownership and liability. However, proper maintenance of such routes is critical for the safety of both residents and visitors traversing on these roads. In addition, proper maintenance allows emergency services to safely and efficiently respond to calls from individuals in distress or in need of immediate attention. The additional county surcharge to the state tax would enable the Counties to fund maintenance projects for disputed roads.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for your favorable passage of S.B. 2761 Relating to Transportation and thank the Committees for allowing me to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Stanley Chang
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