

# HCR 169

Re: Requesting the Department of  
Transportation to Begin Construction of the  
Leeward Bikeway in 2016.

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2:45 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 229

**H.C.R. 169**  
**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO BEGIN**  
**CONSTRUCTION OF THE LEEWARD BIKEWAY IN 2016**

Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

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The Department of Transportation **supports the intent** of this resolution, however construction of the Leeward Bikeway is not anticipated to begin in 2016. There are several environmental requirements outstanding including Section 106, anticipated Section 4(f), and NEPA clearances, in addition to utility agreements with the Hawaii Gas Company and the Hawaii Independent Energy LLC. The final design will need to incorporate any changes necessary as a result of the clearances and utility agreements.

Based on our current schedule, the project is anticipated to be advertised in the summer of 2017, with construction to begin in late 2017 or early 2018.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**The Trust For Public Land's Testimony In Support of HR 119 & HCR 169  
Requesting the Department of Transportation to Begin  
Construction on the Leeward Bikeway in 2016**

Senate Transportation & Energy Committee, Conf. Room 229  
Thursday, April 14, 2016, 2:45 p.m.

Aloha e Chair Inouye and Vice-Chair Gabbard:

The Trust for Public Land strongly supports HC 199/HCR 169 requesting the Department of Transportation to Begin Construction on the Leeward Bikeway in 2016.

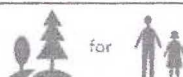
The Trust for Public Land is working with the Blue Planet Foundation, the National Park Service, the Hawai'i Community Development Authority, and other community organizations to implement the over 80 year vision of connecting Diamond Head (Le'ahi) to West O'ahu via a multi-use waterfront path (also known as the Lei of Green or Lei of Parks concept). Different portions of the path are in different stages of planning and development. The Leeward Bike Path is a critical portion of the overall, connected vision of a South Shore waterfront multi-use path that would provide tremendous recreation, fitness, health, transportation, art/culture, beautification, and community building opportunities along the path.

The Leeward Bike Path was planned and promised to the West O'ahu community in 1980 – 36 years ago. Funding is available for the construction of the path, and has been since 1995 – over 20 years ago. This path could a tremendous asset to the community for recreation, exercise, and an alternative transportation method for getting to work or going to school.

The State Outdoor Recreation Plan (2015) surveyed thousands of people in the State regarding their recreation needs – respondents to the survey reported using walking paths, tracks or sidewalks most frequently, and emphasized the need for more bike and pedestrian paths. We urge the Senate to send a strong message to DOT to spend previously appropriated funds (including federal funds) allocated for this project and fulfill the vision of the Leeward Bike Path, a key element and connector for West O'ahu to what many groups hope will be a larger connected South Shore Multi-Use Path or Lei of Green/Lei of Parks.

Me ke aloha,

  
Lea Hong  
Hawai'i State Director  
Edmund C. Olson Trust Fellow



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Lawrence Duenas	American Diabetes Association	Support	No

**Comments:**

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Date: April 13, 2016

To: The Honorable Lorraine Inouye Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

From: Trish La Chica, Policy and Advocacy Director, Hawai'i Public Health Institute

Re: **Support for HCR 169**

Hrg: April 14, 2016, 2:45pm, Capitol 229

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Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in **SUPPORT** of HCR 169, requesting the Department of Transportation to begin construction of the Leeward Bikeway in 2016.

The Hawaii Public Health Institute (HIPHI) supports and promotes policy efforts to create a healthy Hawaii. As a hub for health, HIPHI serves as a convener amongst community leaders to promote and advance collaboration and innovation in public health and work towards making Hawaii the healthiest place on earth.

**Bikeways are a valuable component of Complete Streets that improves a community's quality of life.**

Improving conditions for bicycling and walking in Hawai'i is vital for our health. HIPHI supports the Complete Streets law (Bill 26) passed by the Honolulu City Council in 2012. Because of Complete Streets, our youth and elderly are able to safely cross the street, get around without a car, go for a walk, spend time outdoors, walk to schools and food markets, and enjoy public spaces and parks. Complete Streets can benefit all communities by accommodating everyone in the public that use multiple forms of transportation, improve safety, promoting better health, creating stronger economies, providing more choices, and helping out the environment.<sup>i</sup>

**Hawai'i is ranked as the most dangerous State for Pedestrians ages 65 and older<sup>ii</sup>.**

According to a report in 2014, Hawai'i was ranked first in pedestrian deaths among residents ages 65+. Our kupuna population are the most vulnerable to motor vehicle – pedestrian crashes compromising 47% of the total victims and dramatically increased fatality rates across the oldest age groups.<sup>iii</sup> Among these, 80% of the individuals that were hit were in the 65+ group occurred on O'ahu.

HCR 169 would not only reduce pedestrian and cycling fatalities and injuries but also allow hundreds of people to bike or walk for some of their short trips and thus obtain daily healthful exercise. More walking and cycling would yield further public health benefits by reducing the use of automobiles, thus diminishing air and noise pollution and the overall level of traffic danger.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trish", is written below the text "Respectfully,".



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Trish La Chica, MPA  
Policy and Advocacy Director

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<sup>i</sup> Atherton, E. & Osborne, B. (2016). Driving Public Health with Transportation. [Powerpoint Slides]

<sup>ii</sup> Smart Growth America (2014). Dangerous by Design – Hawai'i. Retrieved from:  
<http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/research/dangerous-by-design/dbd2014/state/Hawaii/>

<sup>iii</sup> Hawai'i State Department of Health (HSDOH) Injury Prevention and Control Section. (2012). Injuries in Hawai'i: 2007 – 2011. Retrieved from: <http://health.hawaii.gov/injuryprevention/files/2013/10/Databook-FINAL-Sept-20121.pdf>

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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy  
Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Regarding HR119 and HCR169 Requesting the Department of Transportation to Begin  
Construction on the Leeward Bikeway Before the End of 2016

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Gabbard, and esteemed members of Committee on  
Transportation and Energy,

Hawaii Bicycling League **strongly supports HCR169** requesting that the DOT begin  
construction on the Leeward Bikeway in 2016.

The Leeward Bikeway has been promised since 1980, 36 years ago. Funding was made  
available in 1995, 21 years ago. People from Nanakuli, Kapolei, Ewa, and Waipahu are waiting  
for this off-road multi-use path to be built as an alternative way to get to work, exercise, and  
recreate.

The Hawaii Bicycling League has made starting construction on the Leeward Bikeway in 2016  
our priority project. We are committing our time and asking others in the community to  
make it their priority also. Our members have a target to raise \$60,000 in private donations  
to hire community outreach staff to inform Leeward Oahu residents and community  
organizations about the project's status and gain community support for this important  
project that will enable people to save money, get exercise, and fight global warming while  
going to work instead of being stuck in traffic, wasting time and gas. This multi-use path will  
complement the rail system and enable more people non-motorized access to rail stations.

At the SR 95 and SCR128 hearing, DOT testified that the estimated construction start is late  
2017. The project does indeed have some last hurdles to clear, most significantly the National  
Historic Preservation Act Section 106 requirements that are already underway. However,  
based on our involvement in the project, including in the Section 106 process, we believe that  
if the remaining items are expedited that construction can begin significantly earlier than the  
2017 date.

We urge the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee to pass this resolution and send a  
strong message that all Oahu wants this multi-use path built now and that DOT should do  
everything they can to expedite the project.

Thank you very much for considering the comments of the Hawaii Bicycling League. If you  
have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact Chad Taniguchi (808-735-  
5756, [chad@hbl.org](mailto:chad@hbl.org)) or Daniel Alexander (808-275-6717, [daniel@hbl.org](mailto:daniel@hbl.org)).

Ride and Drive Aloha,

Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director

Daniel Alexander, Advocacy Director

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dorothy M Sunio	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I urge you to vote for this bill and begin construction on the leeward bike path connection to Leeward Community College. As a resident of Pearl City and an instructor at Leeward Community College I could bike to work if there was a path. Currently there is no safe way to walk or bike to the campus. The dangerous intersection by Sam's club where the highway divides has no paved pathway to the college. Now with the rail construction, the road is even more congested and dangerous. Please provide the community with this necessary pathway. Mahalo Dottie Sunio

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeffrey Gaskell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm already a bicycle commuter to town from Mililani to Kalihi and enjoy the relaxed, protected ride along the Historic Pearl Harbor Bike path and share it with morning walkers and joggers and see how much of an asset it is to the communities. Extending it through the rest of Waipahu and out to Ewa Beach and Kapolei, through Koolina and Nanakuli would be a great benefit providing uninterrupted bicycle access all along the length of the corridor that can be enjoyed by riders of all ages.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jessica Dunn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the commencement of construction for this bike path. A multi-use path connecting west Oahu is desperately needed. In addition to reducing traffic it will also promote a healthy lifestyle of commuting through the bike path.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gerald Peñaflor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The sooner the keiki, kapuna, and all kamaaina and their visitors can enjoy the health benefits of bicycling the better. We will experience less pollution from cars, less traffic, less influence (dependency) on the oil corporations. Thank you.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lawrence J Holbrook	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Representatives, As an avid bicyclist, I ride for commuting and for pleasure. I ride about 3,000 to 4,000 miles per year. And, I ride all over Oahu. One of my favorite rides is Kahala to Ewa Beach. However, West of Waipahu, there are no bike paths until Fort Weaver Road. The Leeward Bike Path would help close this gap and open this route for many commuters as well as recreational cyclists like me. I support this resolution (HCR169) to begin work on the Leeward Bike Path this year, in 2016.

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As a resident of the Leeward Coast for more than 20 years I encourage you to support HCR169 to start construction on the Leeward Bikeway.

I have ridden the Pearl Harbor Bike path in the past and would love to do so from my home in Kapolei on a regular basis along a safe pathway vs trying to share the road with cars and trucks and putting myself at risk. This project has been stalled too long and it's time to demand that this project be completed.

Providing safe routes for residents to bike can have a positive impact on our communities over all well-being and reconnect individuals to their parks and communities. The Leeward bike path will provide transportation alternatives for a wide range of individuals on the Leeward Coast and may encourage more people to commute by bicycle. It will also provide children and adults' alike safe routes for day to day activities, reducing the demands on our overcrowded roads. It would also provide another option to evacuate individuals in the case of emergency.

Let's stop talking about this project and get started!

Sincerely,

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Wyatt Gordon	Individual	Support	No

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April 12, 2016

RE: H.C.R. 169 / H.R. 119

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO BEGIN  
CONSTRUCTION OF THE LEEWARD BIKEWAY IN 2016.

The Honorable Senator Lorraine R. Inouye,  
Chair Committee on Transportation and Energy  
The Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard,  
Vice Chair Committee on Transportation and Energy

I strongly support H.C.R 169/H.R. 119 to further the development of the Leeward Bikeway. Bikeways are one of the most effective means to increase bicycle ridership and the Leeward Bikeway, when completed, will provide an excellent transportation alternative for residents in West Oahu, and give residents throughout Oahu a safe and enjoyable route for exercise and commuting.

Funds needed for the development of the bikeway are a pittance compared to amounts being expended for rail construction. Further operating costs for bikeways are miniscule compared to rail and roads for motorized vehicles.

Your committee's support and approval is requested.

Aloha,

Norb Buelsing

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Hannah Neagle	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kellen Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha members of the Transportation and Energy Committee, Please support the construction of the Leeward Bikeway. I was one of the early volunteers to trace the route with Hawai'i Bicycling League. It is a beautiful route with much wildlife scenery. Many people would use this trail for leisure and probably commuting to work. I could also see this route improving the local economy, as riders would stop along the way to patronize businesses. Mahalo for supporting this measure.  
Kellen Smith

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Written Testimony by Reef Amano  
Regarding HCR 169 to expedite Leeward Bikeway construction  
April 1, 2016

Aloha,

My name is Reef Amano and I work for Leeward Community College. I am also a cyclist that commutes regularly to and from work from Ewa Beach to our campus in Pearl City. I have been waiting for the construction of the Leeward Bikeway since I was a college student attending Leeward. Now I am close to retirement age and still waiting for the construction to begin on this project.

Nearly everyday during my commute from Ewa through Waipahu, I have sketchy encounters with cars, trucks and buses as I bike along Farrington Highway. Sometimes it is downright scary and dangerous and I wonder why the planned Leeward Bikeway is taking so long to build especially since everyone seems to want it, there is funding for it and it is a safety issue. The number one reason I always hear from my friends and coworkers why they don't ride a bicycle anywhere is that the roads are too dangerous. Many of them said if they had a safe cycling route to where they need to go, they would ride it now.

At Leeward Community College where I work, we serve 8,000 students. Many of them come from the Leeward side of the island including Waipahu, Ewa, Kapolei and the Waianae coast. Many of them cannot afford to drive so they have to catch a bus or carpool with someone. Building the Leeward Bikeway will provide an economical, healthy, eco-friendly and safe means to get to campus from the west side of the island. To complement the Leeward Bikeway extension, the LCC Connector bike path is underway that will connect Leeward Community College campus directly to the existing Pearl Harbor Bike path further demanding the need for the Leeward Bikeway construction to get started soon.

I urge everyone to help expedite this long overdue project in anyway possible so that pedestrians and cyclists can enjoy this safe and well needed bikeway soon. I hope it can be built before I am too old to ride a bike anymore.

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Randy Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the committee. Please pass HCR169. I support the Leeward Bikeway. This multi-use path would provide recreational opportunities to many residents as well as creating a healthier populace. It would offer a transportation alternative for those who commute. Finally, I have been advocating for this project for a decade. The State DOT should begin this year. The environmental process is nearly complete. The funding is in place. Let's build it!

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David S Gilbert	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please do all in your power to represent the desires and needs of our walkers, wheelers, runners and rollers to fund and build the long overdue Leeward Transit MUP! It is essential to the public as both a safe recreational and commuting path but also a demonstration project to show Hawaii's commitment for alternative transportation and energy use! Maybe if it and other MUPs or Rails to Trails projects had been built in the 20th century we would not be in the need of a multi billion rail in the 21st century....never too late to consider the future.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Rogers	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I support the resolution to begin construction of the Leeward Bikeway as soon as humanly possible. I am a resident of West Loch Fairways in Ewa and have been anticipating connecting the West Loch Shoreline Pathway with the greater Pearl Harbor Historic Trail for more than 20 years. This pathway would offer the Ewa Villages, Ewa by Gentry, West Loch Fairways and West Loch Estate communities a way to safely commute to places east. Having a continuous pathway all the way to Aiea gives people healthy choices on how they might commute to work and school, providing some relief to traffic congestion. The pathway will also provide local families and visitors a place to explore and enjoy the great outdoors. The Betty Nagamine Bliss Memorial Overlook at the Honouliuli National Wildlife Refuge is currently being constructed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and will undoubtedly become a destination on the pathway. I believe that when the Leeward Bikeway is completed in its entirety, all 18.6 miles, it will become an engine for commerce providing opportunities for new businesses along the pathway including bicycle rental and tour groups. The communities that surround the Bikeway will also benefit through greater visibility, generating interest for maintaining and beautifying these areas.

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gilbert serrano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As an Oahu resident who works in Pearl Harbor, I strongly request that DOT begin construction of the Leeward bikeway in 2016. This bikeway will enable me and my colleagues to have a safe exercise alternative for cycling near work. Many civilian workers and military members currently do not have safe biking options around the Pearl Harbor/Leeward area. Please support your resident constituents and our troops by building this much-needed bikeway.

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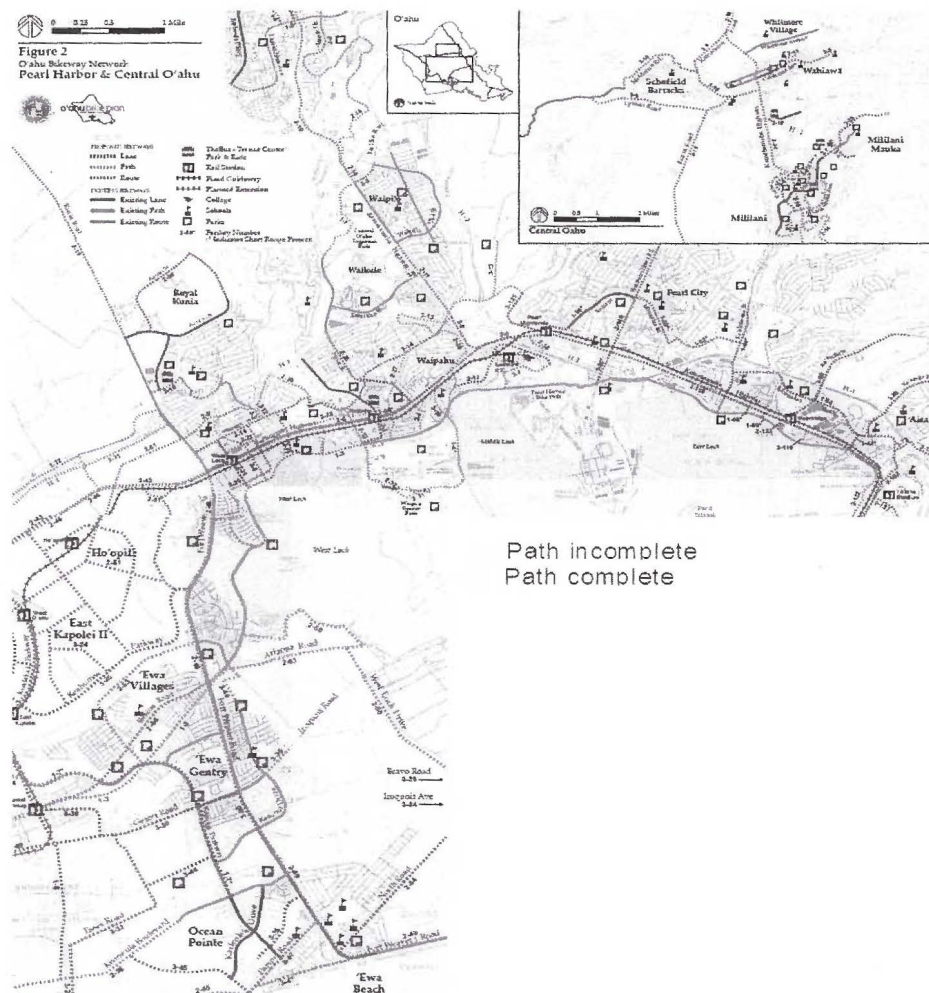
REGARDING HR119 AND HCR169 : REQUESTING DOT TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ON THE LEeward BIKEWAY BEFORE THE END OF 2016

WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL 2016

I **James Darlow** of Ewa Beach strongly support **HR119 and HCR169**. Please begin construction on this extremely important bike path as soon as possible.

I work in Pearl Harbor and commute with my 11 year old son to school near Pearl Harbor. We used to occasionally ride the route to-from Pearl Harbor. But due to the need to ride on Farrington Highway (along the stretch of bike path that is not completed in Waipahu) during extreme traffic, we no longer ride our bikes through this dangerous area. We now contribute to the rush hour traffic that jams the leeward roadways, but would prefer to commute by bike.

Please complete this path so my family and hundreds of thousands of others from Leeward Oahu/Ewa Plain can safely commute by bicycle.



Path incomplete  
Path complete

Mahalo,

//signed//

JAMES DARLOW

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Travis Counsell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This project has been in the works for longer than I have been alive. It's about time we get to work! Traffic on the H1 continues to get worse, more people are commuting, we need a solution. Offering a safe alternative where people can bike from the west into town is a great one. Please pass this resolution and encourage the State to stop dragging their feet.

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Jennifer Milholen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sharman Meehan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I and many other cyclists have benefitted greatly from the King Street bicycle lanes. Similar benefits should be brought to cyclists in other parts of Oahu. As I am sure you know, the history of the Leeward Bikeway indicates that action to make it a reality is long overdue. The project will enable people to save money on transportation costs, and will help ease traffic on the roadways a bit. It will also provide some benefits to the environment. It would be best to get construction underway soon, so the bikeway will be available to provide non-motorized access to the soon to be realized rail system. Please pass HCR169 so that HDOT might begin construction on the Leeward Bikeway in 2016. - Sharman Meehan

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Anita Schorlemmer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: A continuous bike path connecting the West side and Aloha Stadium will provide safe passage for commuter and leisure bikers. This will also result in more people riding bikes, relieving traffic on the freeways.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kari Benes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, The Leeward Coast could benefit tremendously if this piece of infrastructure could be completed and incorporated into our transportation network. It would provide our non-motorized travelers with a safe, beautiful option that would connect them to key areas of interest, work and play. Please support this long overdue project for our Leeward residents. Mahalo, Kari Benes

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Anthony Chance	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hui O Ho'ohonua fully supports HCR 169 and all its contents. This is long overdue.

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