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**H.C.R. 169 / H.R. 119
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO BEGIN
CONSTRUCTION OF THE LEEWARD BIKEWAY IN 2016**

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation **supports the intent** of these resolutions, however construction of the Leeward Bikeway will not 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 design of the project is anticipated to be completed in June of 2017, with construction to begin in early 2018.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melvin Nakahata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I want to see construction of the Leeward Bike Path started in 2016. I have commuted from Waipahu to Kapolei, with few safe choices for cycling routes. With the new bike path connection to Ewa, myself and many other commuters will use this transportation route.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chad Taniguchi, Daniel Alexander	Hawaii Bicycling League	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha Chair Aquino, Vice-Chair LoPresti, and members of the House Transportation Committee, I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Bicycling League, with 1,665 members who want safe places for people to walk and bike on Oahu. The Leeward Bikeway has been promised since 1980, 36 years ago. Funding was made available in 1995, 21 years ago. People from Nanakuli, Kapolei and Waipahu are waiting for this off- road multiuse path to be built as an alternative way to get to work, exercise, and recreate. \$9 million in funds are ready to go for Phase 1 from Waipahu to Kapolei, and the project is nearly ready to go out to bid. 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 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 multiuse path will complement Rail and enable more people nonmotorized access to rail stations. We urge the House Transportation Committee to pass this resolution and send a strong message that all Oahu wants this multiuse path built now. Chad Taniguchi Executive Director, Hawaii Bicycling League Everyone has a right to be safe walking, biking, or driving.

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TO: Members of the Committee on Economic Development & Business

FROM: Cycle On Hawaii

HEARING: 10:15 a.m. Monday, March 21, 2016

SUBJECT: HCR 169/HR 119 Construction of Leeward Bikeway - **SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide testimony on HCR 169 / HR 119, which ask the Hawaii Department of Transportation to begin construction of the Leeward Bikeway this year. We wholeheartedly support these resolutions.

The Leeward Bikeway was supposed to have been completed well over a decade ago. It provides an important connection between Pearl Harbor and Waianae.

Please vote “yes” on this long-overdue bikeway!