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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melvin Nakahata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to see construction started this year for the Leeward Bike Path. I am a west Oahu bicycle commuter and see very few options for safe riding routes between Waipahu and Kapolei. I urge you to get this project going. Many bicycle commuters and recreational cyclist will use this facility.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chad Taniguchi	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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