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S.B. 2375, S.D. 1
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation **supports the intent** of S.B. 2375 S.D. 1 to establish a 60 mile per hour speed limit for the Daniel K. Inouye highway.

However, this bill is not necessary. We can conduct the engineering study to determine the appropriate speed limits for the Daniel K. Inouye highway.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Aloha House Transportation Chairman Aquino,

I support SB2375SD1 (Daniel K. Inouye Highway speed increase). The Federal government and the State of Hawaii have upgraded this highway to Federal highway standards over past 12 years. However, the speed limit hasn't appreciably increased. The police are doing regular speed traps on this highway as a result.

The SD1 version of this proposed legislation is a good start, but needs to be amended to meet local conditions. I hereby suggest these amendments to this bill.

- 1.** The mile marker 11 to m.m 19 segment has been upgraded to Federal highway standards. There is no reason my mind why the proposed speed increase should start at mile marker 19. I suggest amending the legislation to start the speed increase at mile marker 12. This would allow the speed limit to transition to a lower speed, as the segment between mile marker 6 and mile marker is undergoing reconstruction and realignment.
- 2.** The roadway segment between mile marker 6 and m.m 11 is undergoing reconstruction and realignment. This proposed bill should be amended to increase the speed limit accordingly on this segment as soon as the improvements are completed by August 2017.
- 3.** The Hawaii Department of Transportation should review the imposed speed limits by mile marker 39, mile marker 36 (Pohakuloa Training Area), mile marker 35 (Mauna Kea county park), mile marker 18. The speed limit drops appreciably on these segments due to local conditions.

If this legislation passes, and the speed limit is increased for most of Saddle Road, I'm concerned about transitioning from 60 miles per hour to a lower speed. This is why a review of speed limit for these above mentioned segments is warranted.

Thank you fo your time in this matter.

Sincerely,
Aaron Stene