

SB 80

**RELATING TO
TRANSPORTATION**



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**S.B. 80, proposed S.D. 1
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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **opposes** S.B. 80, S.D. 1. This bill authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for planning and design of an improved four-lane roadway crossing the state right-of-way and connecting to Renton Road in West Loch villages, a sidewalk, bike path, and complete intersection with Renton Road.

The improvements required by the bill do not fall under the DOT's jurisdiction. Based on roadway functional classification, neither Renton Road or Keaunui Drive are on the State Highway System.

Additionally, we offer the following comments:

If the Legislature appropriates general funds for the improvements, DOT Highways Division will assist with technical support during the design and construction processes. DOT will review design plans and specifications where the project impacts the state highway right-of way. DOT will also oversee the project construction where it encroaches into and/or impacts operations of the state highway right-of-way in accordance with approved documents. The grantee will be responsible for all permitting, contracting, expenditures, accounting, and reconciliation of state funds.

The improvements may require crossing the Oahu Railway and Land Company (OR&L) right-of-way. This would trigger the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Hawaii Environmental Policy Act (HEPA).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.