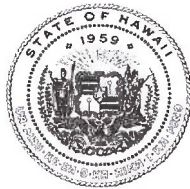


SCR 128

RE: REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF THE
LEEWARD BIKEWAY BEFORE THE END OF 2016.

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March 29, 2016
1:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 229

S.C.R. 128 / S.R. 95
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO BEGIN
CONSTRUCTION OF THE LEEWARD BIKEWAY BEFORE THE END OF 2016

Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy:

The Department of Transportation **supports the intent** of these resolutions, 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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Testimony to the House Committee on Housing
Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Regarding SCR 128 and SR 95 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 SCR 128 and SR 95** 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 HCR 169 and HR119 hearing, DOT testified that the estimated construction start is early
2018. 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
2018 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) or Daniel Alexander (808-275-6717, daniel@hbl.org).

Ride and Drive Aloha,

Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director

Daniel Alexander, Advocacy Director

TO: Members of the Committee on Transportation and Energy
FROM: Cycle On Hawaii
HEARING: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2016
SUBJECT: SCR 128/SR 95 Construction of Leeward Bikeway - **SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 128/SR 95, 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!

Kaala Coleman

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: dylanarm@hawaii.edu
Subject: *Submitted testimony for SCR128 on Mar 29, 2016 13:30PM*

SCR128

Submitted on: 3/28/2016

Testimony for TRE on Mar 29, 2016 13:30PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Daniel Meier
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Testimony in Support of SCR128
Committee: TRE
Hearing date/time: 3/29/16, 1:30pm

Dear members of the committee,

I support this bill which would require the Department of Transportation to begin construction of the Leeward Bike Path in 2016. Plans to build the bike path have been discussed for decades. At this time there is increased public demand to create safe routes for bicyclists on Oahu. Further, there is an actual need for transportation alternatives between the Leeward coast and the urban area that is already served via the Pearl Harbor Bike Path.

I understand the DOT's concerns regarding environmental requirements and agreements. I believe that not all sections of the bike path are affected by such concerns, and I would ask the DOT to begin construction on sections that are unaffected, while waiting for environmental concerns to be resolved.

Daniel Meier

Kaala Coleman

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Subject: Submitted testimony for SCR128 on Mar 29, 2016 13:30PM

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Submitted on: 3/28/2016
Testimony for TRE on Mar 29, 2016 13:30PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Krist Pottorff	Individual	Support	No

Comments: These rail systems were turned over to the state with the express contingency to create bike trails in the 1980's, I think it's about time the construction begins. The area severed from the Pearl Harbor bike trail across Ewa is a very dangerous transit for bicycles causing undue risk to the cyclist and increases congestion for vehicle traffic. I commute from Aiea to Ko Olina via bicycle and have often been asked by tourists on rental bikes about the lack of trails and I have to about how embarrassing the state of bicycling is in Hawai'i. Please support immediate construction on the leeward bike path. Mahalo, Krist

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SCR128

Submitted on: 3/28/2016

Testimony for TRE on Mar 29, 2016 13:30PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Rogers	Individual	Support	No

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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