SR 61

RE: REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
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COMPLETION OF THE MOANALUA HILLSIDE
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FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT PLAN.

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March 29, 2016 1:15 p.m. State Capitol, Room 229

S.C.R. 94 / S.R. 61

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Senate Committee(s) on Transportation and Energy & Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **opposes** these resolutions which requests the DOT to work with the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Transportation Services to develop and implement a traffic mitigation plan to address the current Aiea-Red Hill-Moanalua-Salt Lake congestion as well as additional future congestion after the completion of the Moanalua Hillside Development.

The DOT is currently developing a H-1 Corridor Study, which will be completed by the end of summer. The H-1 Corridor Study would provide the information requested by this resolution and can be shared once the study is complete.

Additionally, since this effort would include both State and City involvement, the DOT is not the appropriate lead agency. Should an additional study be pursued, the DOT recommends that it be done by the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) in accordance with the transportation planning process. It is the role and responsibility of the OahuMPO to develop transportation studies that include both State and City roads and as such they would facilitate participation between the various jurisdictions involved.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.



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March 28, 2016

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy 415 South Beretania Street, Room 210 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs 415 South Beretania Street, Room 204 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Testimony in Support of SCR 94 and SR 61 (Hearing Date: March 29, 2016, at 1:15 PM)

Dear Chairs Inouye and Nishihara, and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution ("SCR") 94 and Senate Resolution ("SR") 61, requesting that the Department of Transportation work with the Department of Transportation Services to develop a traffic mitigation plan to address the current Aiea-Red Hill-Moanalua-Salt Lake congestion, and additional future congestion after the completion of the Moanalua Hillside Development, and to enable timely funding for the implementation of that plan, respectively.

As the Honolulu City Councilmember representing this gridlocked area delineated in these resolutions, I can attest that traffic congestion is the most burdensome problems our constituents face in this area. It subjects residents to increased travel time, increased fuel costs, and a significant loss of quality of life. The inadequate infrastructure of the H-1 in this area is specifically highlighted in the 2015 American Highway Users Alliance's Report, which indicates that the Moanalua Freeway (at Ala Kapuna Street) has one of the greatest amounts of congestion in the State, with annual delays totaling 607,100 hours. The Aiea-Red Hill-Moanalua-Salt Lake area hosts thousands of Central and Leeward Oahu commuters, as well as those traveling in from Windward Oahu, demonstrating the significant and disproportionate burden the area shoulders and the crucial need for infrastructure improvements.

I encourage the Senate Committees on Transportation and on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs to act favorably on SCR 94 and SR 61, respectively; and to support any additional measures addressing similar issues during this year's legislative session. Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Councilmember Carol Fukunaga

Chair, Committee on Public Works, Infrastructure and Sustainability

Honolulu City Council

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy and Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 1:15 P.M.

Conference Room 229, State Capitol

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Chairs Inouye and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Espero, and Members of the Committees:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **strongly supports** SCR 94/SR 61, which requests the Department of Transportation to work with the Department of Transportation Services for the City and County of Honolulu to develop a traffic mitigation plan to address the current Aiea-Red Hill-Moanalua-Salt Lake congestion as well as additional future congestion after the completion of the Moanalua Hillside Development, and to enable timely funding for the implementation of that plan.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

It is troubling that legislative action is needed to have the State and County work together to address infrastructure capacity issues. This doesn't bode well for our future considering the County's "Hard" urban growth boundaries and desire to focus all future growth along the Honolulu Transit corridor. If the planning and coordination of infrastructure capacity building is not being done now, while the rail is under construction, what can we expect once the train is up and running?

We support both SCR 94 and SR 61 and any other efforts the Legislature is considering to have the State and County agencies collectively plan for and implement infrastructure capacity building projects to support future growth on Oahu.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our views on this matter.

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1:15 pm State Capitol - Conference Room 229

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Dear Chairs Inouye & Nishihara, Vice-Chairs Gabbard & Espero, and members of the Committees:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Chief Executive Officer for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the Voice of the Construction Industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, and affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA Hawaii is in **strong support** of S.C.R. 94/S.R. 61 which requests the Department of Transportation to work with the Department of Transportation Services for the City and County of Honolulu to develop a traffic mitigation plan to address the current Aiea-Red Hill-Moanalua-Salt Lake congestion as well as additional future congestion after the completion of the Moanalua Hillside Development, and to enable timely funding for the implementation of that plan.

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Comments: We oppose this resolution on the basis of Mr. Ed Sniffen's remarks to the media m, on 3-23-16 (Hawaii News Now), following the deferment of their bill to subject the Hawaii Tax Payers to a triple tax increase on gas, vehicle registration & vehicle weight. Mr. Sniffen has already stated that because DOT cannot get the tax increases that his focus will only be on "preservation and safety" & that if he can't maintain the new roads he won't build it. This resolution goes against what Mr. Sniffen has stated publicly and we'll be monitoring Mr. Sniffen's threat to cancel the extra lane expansion for the Wai anae district.

Please note that testimony submitted <u>less than 24 hours prior to the hearing</u>, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

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