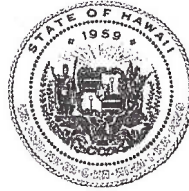


# SR 95

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:

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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](mailto:chad@hbl.org)) or Daniel Alexander (808-275-6717, [daniel@hbl.org](mailto: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

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dylan Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

### Comments:

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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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