

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 17, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 115
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 115 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the administrative heads of each state department or agency to convey the title of all disputed public highways within a county with a population of 500,000 or more to the respective county; and
- (2) Require each county with a population of 500,000 or more to take ownership and jurisdiction over abandoned roads for which there is a dispute over ownership between the State or any of its political subdivisions and a private party, unless the State notifies the counties within a certain time period that the State will accept the road.

The Department of Transportation and Bank of Hawaii supported this measure. The Hawaii Association of Realtors supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and Office of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu provided comments.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 115, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 115, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,



HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



