

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

991

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1378
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Energy, to which was referred H.B. No. 1378, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Department of Transportation to develop plans for the construction of secondary access roads for the Waianae District of Leeward Oahu.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honorable Tulsi Gabbard, United States Representative of the 2nd District of Hawaii; Department of Transportation; Ho'omana Pono, LLC; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that Farrington Highway is the sole access route that links the Waianae District to Ewa and additional places of interest on the eastern side of Oahu, including metropolitan Honolulu. Although West Oahu has experienced exponential growth and development over the last twenty years, transportation infrastructure has not kept pace. Traffic volume on Farrington Highway has increased from an average of twenty



thousand vehicles per day in 2000, to fifty thousand vehicles per day in 2016.

Your Committee further finds that residents of the Waianae District bear the largest burden of the current infrastructural insufficiency since they must contend with daily commutes of up to two hours each way for jobs or school. Additionally, the lack of any alternate route leaves Leeward residents more vulnerable to harm in an emergency situation. There is currently no available route that can be used as an alternative to Farrington Highway during times when Farrington Highway is impassable.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Energy that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1378, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1378, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

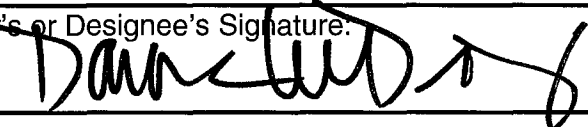
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Energy,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 1378, HD1	Committee Referral: TRE, WAM	Date: 3/15/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			/
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			/
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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