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**HB1378**

Submitted on: 2/27/2017

Testimony for FIN on Mar 1, 2017 11:00AM in Conference Room 308

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	Yes

Comments: We continue to STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill. However, we also want to make it clear that, on a personal note & as Advocates for native Hawaiians, especially those penetrating hat live in the Nanakuli Homestead, WE DO NOT SUPPORT ANY MEASURE THAT WOULD REQUIRE native Hawaiians to give up their homestead lots to build a road that connects Helelua to Nanakuli Avenue, nor do we support the building of a road that allows traffic through the Nanakuli Homestead. We are in total support for the Mauka Hwy that runs BEHIND the Nanakuli Homestead. Pursuant to neighborhood board meetings & Ahupua`a O Nanakuli Homestead meetings, it was made VERY CLEAR BY THE NAONE, IOANE & LOPES Ohana that live on the other side of the Helelua path, that they reject out right any attempt to have a road come through or along side their Homestead lots. As native Hawaiian Advocates, we must stand by our Lahui on this crucial point. Mahalo.

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Don Aweau	Individual	Support	No

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Melinda Buck	Individual	Support	No

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Date: February 9, 2017

To: Chair and Vice Chair

From: Stacey Marcellino resident of Waianae, student of UH Manoa

Re: HB 1378 Support Rep. Cedric Gates

Aloha! Thank you for hearing this Measure today. There have been many discussions and a great deal of attention focused on our community and issues with alleviating traffic for the residents on the Leeward Coast. As a resident of the Leeward Coast for more than 30 years and a current student of the University of Hawaii at Manoa I have experienced first hand issues related with traffic during my commute in and out of the Leeward Coast. Implementing a solution that could relieve traffic issues in and out of the Leeward Coast would highly benefit residents as well as families who reside on the Leeward Coast. Executing a resolution for the current traffic issues that many of the residents here on the Leeward Coast would also improve the quality of life, and there would be less time spent traveling and more time spent with family.

Having more time with family is beneficial for the entire family unit. As a parent I will be able to contribute more of my time as a parent with my children. This would also allow me more time with nurturing their education as well as mine own. The lost time that I spend in traffic also results in less educational time for all of us. As a current student of UH Manoa and a full time employee I value the time I have in completing my assignments and assisting my children with their assignments as well due to such a busy schedule. Reducing the amount spent in traffic would allow myself and others more time to spend with our families. The more time spent together, the better chance we will have of sharing quality experiences. I also want to stress that children will benefit by being able to spend more one on one time with their loved ones. Spending time with all family members will allow a sense of balance within a family which is also very important for all members within the family. There is also another reason for allowing another accessible route into the Leeward Coast and this reason would be to allow families in as timely manner due to traffic congestions to reach their loved ones in the case of an emergency disaster, flood, and or tsunami.

The fact that there is more cars that utilize Farrington highway would also mean that there should be infrastructure that will accommodate the cars traveling and utilizing

the roads. I highly support this Bill and would appreciate the time to implement the proper infrastructure for the residents and families here on the Leeward Coast. I also want to take the time, and thank you for allowing me to share my perspective in regards to Bill HB 1378. I look forward to favorable action on HB 1378. Mahalo

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Levi Manners	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We support HB1378

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David Love	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We support HB1378. Waianae is and been ready.

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Ronald Strode	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The strode Family support HB1378

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Sara E. Perry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill fully and request that it be done properly the first time, ie: make two lanes in each direction.

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	Individual	Support	No

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Laquain Jordan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support it!!

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Georgette Nohea Stevens	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I forgot to submit a testimony but I do support this bill. I'll share as well.

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Kelly Jesse Sceppe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In support of this bill. We definitely need some traffic relief and options.

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John Kalani Thomas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We support HB1378

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Sam Kapoi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I SUPPORT IT!

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Solomon Alfapada	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mad support! This has been overdue.

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Tina Acosta	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support it h 1378

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Alisha Valdivia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We support HB1378

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Rudyjay Keopuhiwa Sr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: . i support HB1378

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George Kalilikane	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB1378

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Edward Fujioka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: "I SUPPORT HB 1378"

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Liana Nolen Kekawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Kekawa Family of 89-247 Pua Avenue Wai'anae, Nānākuli, HI supports HB1378

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Maureen Dere	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill, HB1378. Access should go to Waianae, not to Kaena point.

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Jo Stroud	Individual	Support	No

Comments: HB 1378. We need relief for the residents. Please pass this 2nd access road bill if it does not disturb native landscapes; i'm not sure why it needs to go to Kaena Point. To Waianae is enough to relieve the traffic jam. Mahalo!

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Tameria Kelley-cobbin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I SUPPORT HB1378 - we need a permanent 2nd road in and out of Waianae- not a temporary road.

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Helen Rodrigues	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We support hb1378

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Luane Higuchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It's time for another road in and out of Waianae.

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Eleanor Hitchcock	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB1378..not only is it overdue. We're the only coastline on this island that has NO OUTLET. ..WE'RE TAX PAYERS ALSO. I FEEL THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABANDON. .FORGOTTEN AND NEGLECTED FOR YEARS. .I HOPE AND PRAY THAT I GET TO SEE ONE DAY ANOTHER ACCESS FOR THE WAIANAE COAST.

WE HAVE SACRIFICED MANY YEARS BEING TRAMPLED ON. ..

PLEASE CONSIDERED OUR VOICESANDS PLEASFOR A SOLUTION THAT IS NEEDED DESPERATELY.

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Lawton Sio Maui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support it

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Ernest Sadamaru	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need this

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Adrienne Wendt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Oh yes, definitely support this bill HB1378. You really must pass this bill. Only those who actually have to drive in & out of Waianae on a daily basis knows what a hassle it can be. A second access road is needed period! Mahalo

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Raelyn Akana Medeiros Nua	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB1378 !!!

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Eve Williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB1378

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Demarco Kaanohiokala Wilkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB1378

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Debbie Taylor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill that it moves on the 2nd Access Road for all Waianae community Residents. Thank you Cedric for all your love support in pressing on to serve us. I love you always for all you've been doing to help us all. Mahalo ke akua.

I support HB1378

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Mariah McCaskill	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB1378

Re: 2nd Access Rd for #Waianae This is long over due and the residents deserve improved roads ways leading to a better quality of life.

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Sharlette Poe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: \*Please enter my entire testimony. I have also emailed it to your office. I support this Bill with some reservations and Amendments.

I very much agree that we do need traffic relief. That has been one of the main reasons behind the constant outcry for for a second road into and out of the Coast.

However, I have reservations about it as well:

As a lifelong Resident that's been raised on the Coast all my life I'm caught between keeping up with progress and finding the best ways to steward our home in ways that will offer the best of all we have and are on the Waianae Coast for not just ourselves, but our children and the generations that will come after them. A second road into our Community is not my first choice.

I'm all for traffic relief, but adding another road that will just have more cars on it doesn't make sense.

Not only because of the human nature to 'occupy and fill up the open spaces' but because as bad as being in our Westbound traffic has been its also played a large role in keeping larger scale developments and investments in real estate down. It's also kept some very wealthy people from buying up large tracts of our limited land out here on the Coast.

Many of our people already struggle to survive, we have a high count of houseless people, more of our long time/lifelong residents are moving out from not only the Coast but Hawaii overall because of the high cost of living, and how many of our younger adults from the Coast will be able to afford their own homes?

Another road increases the access to our end of the island. And more access means people not necessarily from the West side would then consider buying homes/land out here because it is the least expensive (so far anyway. Look at PUC = increase in Solar farms and non-local farmers).

That influx would more than likely raise property taxes, reduce availability of rentals because it would be more lucrative to sell, and the median household income levels would also go up. This last act alone would further lose us much of the resources, programs and assistance that many in our community still need and use in order to try to improve their lives.

An example of this very thing happening is the fact that the entire 96792 is no longer designated rural - which had historically qualified us to receive certain benefits and monies to be used for communities with needs like ours. But now only certain parts of the Coast are rural and the others are urban. So that means we lose out on millions of dollars to help us help our people.

Another outcome I see is that we will also have given more tourism activity easier access to our Coast... I wonder what that increase in cars on our roads would be then? Just pointing out that we should makawalu, look at all sides and possibilities, when we are trying our best to find relief for our people.

We should be maka'ala and makawalu all sides of this situation and wisely decide what the best course of action for us is in the long run, and for short term solutions.

The immediate results may look great, but in the long run we may be creating new and bigger challenges for ourselves and our Keiki.

Instead, I'd like to see where the numbers and discussions ended up around connecting the valleys (yes, there are challenges there), but this could help to alleviate intra-Coast traffic freeing up lane space for incoming and outgoing Waianae Coast traffic. Especially around high use times like early workers, school start and end times, and end of workday hours.

Other measures should still be followed through on:

- Better syncing and monitoring of traffic signals
- 5th turning lane as far and in as many places our physical space would allow
- Bus pull off lanes

Also, in this bid for a secondary road, if the push is to go over to Kunia, please consider not just connecting to Kunia Road as that road is, for the most part, literally one lane in, one lane out. Either budget for a completely new road that connects directly to the freeway, or we will only succeed in creating a massive choke-point in someone else's community. And we will still be sitting on a road trying to get to the freeway. Or work on widening those roads dinner they actually have more land space that we do on the Coast. But again, we do that it owns us up to additional traffic from visitors, home and away, which will still be traffic on our roads. Mahalo, Sharlette Poe

Puea, Waianae Valley 96792

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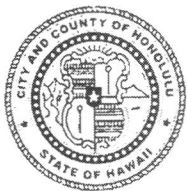
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Lily Cabinatan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES WE SUPPORT THIS BILL!

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March 1, 2017

State House of Representatives  
415 S. Beretania St., Rm 431  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: Testimony for H.B. 1378**

**I support the intent of H.B. 1378.**

For too long Waianae residents have been stuck in traffic just to get in and out of their community. They deserve a better quality of life and this new road will give this to them.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly Pine".

Kimberly Marcos Pine  
Councilmember, District 1



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February 27, 2017

Hawaii State Capitol  
House Finance Committee  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: Testimony in Support of H.B. 1378 Relating to Highways**

Aloha Chair Luke and Members of the State of Hawai'i House Finance Committee,

Thank you for your consideration of H.B.1378 that would require the Department of Transportation to develop plans for the construction of secondary access roads for the Wai'anae district on O'ahu. I support this measure and urge you to vote in favor of H.B. 1378.

The careful assessment of tangible solutions to alleviate the traffic burden for residents on the Leeward Coast is long overdue and greatly needed. A secondary access way to serve the roughly 43,000 residents in the area is necessary for both the safety and the livelihood of my constituents.

In the event of an emergency or natural disaster requiring evacuation of the Leeward Coast, Farrington Highway is the only way in or out. In recent years, Farrington Highway has been partially or completely shut down several times due to incidents involving accidents, severe weather, and other emergency conditions.

I have heard from people who are in anguish over the fact that they cannot send their children to the schools they want to go because it would take too long to drive them into town. I have heard from workers who barely spend time at home because they must wake up early in the morning to go to work and come back very late at night.

Traffic alleviation must be sought to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the people of the Leeward Coast. We cannot deny that the status quo levies a great cost to this community. We must not let that cost continue to burden future generations to come. Please support H.B. 1378. Mahalo for your consideration.

TULSI GABBARD  
Member of Congress (HI-02)

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Submitted on: 3/1/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Torres	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A skyline road for direct routes to and from specific areas would significantly reduce traffic and reduce travel time to and from areas around Waianae. It only makes sense to increase available travel to and from congested Waianae Coast. If not a skyline, then a second or parallel access road would be very beneficial. This is a no brainer, support Cedric Solosolo Asuega Gates and my friend Ronald Strode in this endeavor. It works out for everyone's benefit.

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Mark and Michele Sabbie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Agreed, we been living here and it is getting worse, with no ease of congestion, the more our community grows our young generation gets older they begin to drive, and we get more congested...

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Kalia Goulette	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This road will help the west side so much. I can remember so many nights of traffic including a night they shut the road down completely and had to open shelters for the people who couldn't get home. There have been times I couldn't get to my children in time because of traffic and family and friends had to pick my kids up from school.

This 2nd access road would be such a awesome start to helping our traffic problems.

Mahalo,

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Valerie Albano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: FINALLY!!! hopefully it happens soon. Makes it worse when there's traffic cause of distractions that can lead to accidents, which'll make traffic worse. Or if you have little kids and they need to get home but they end up getting home late, or even from after school programs, some people gotta stay late cause of traffic.

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Preston Yockeman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need this access road. 30 years is long enough to be ignored. We need action now

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Rachel Sells	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need something cuz today was one of those days everything that could go bad did traffic was ridiculous. Opening up every road we have is the only option. Or a tunnel but i dont think that will ever happen

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Kathy Moses Benson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support a second access road to Waianae. The twice-daily traffic jams negatively impact the entire west side of the island, from Waianae to Pearl City. It stifles the economy and productivity of all of Oahu. It's long past time to remedy this unacceptable situation. In fact, until the second access road is built, temporary measures should be taken to make sure the people of Oahu can get to work and school and shopping efficiently.

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Cole Pavao	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes keep pushing for it. . So over populated.

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Gary Cariaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support your bill!!!!

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L'Erin Victorino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES!! YES!! YES!!

We need another road! Waianae is stereotyped to be a BAD place! But we have hard working families out here! We spend so much time in traffic that we have less time with our families! We are the only town on this island that only has one way in and one way out! We have a lot of people living out here. I catch the bus to and from work everyday. I leave at 6 am and don't get home to 7 or 730 pm. We need help. We need something to alleviate the traffic.

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Liana & Nolen Kekawa	Individual	Support	No

**Comments:** I, Liana Kekawa and my family stands in support with our Wai'anae Representatives in creating a plan for a alternate route into Wai'anae.

A plan with the least impact on our precious resources and environment.

A plan that will help our residents living on the West Coast to get to and from their homes in a timely manner and not spend most of their time sitting idle in frustrating traffic day after day causing people to have major disconnect from their loved one.

Mahalo to our representatives for all that they do for our district and may God be with you all in this long journey.

The Kekawa Family

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Darnell Wailehua	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Darnell Wailehua am in full support of our Waianae Representatives efforts in trying to secure and implement an alternative and permanent route into and out of the Waianae Coast.

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Mark and Michele Sabbie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: And it would allow emergency vehicles to get around in a timely manner, i am a person who needs to be able to call on them, i hate when they do not come or make to the hospital in time, if for no other reason but to take our loved ones to their destinations...

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Lawton Sio Maui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill please keep pushing

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Amber Eckart	Individual	Support	No

Comments: No city with this many people should be one way in and out. Because safety should be a priority.

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Alohalani Pang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We have been studied to death and we all know that another access road is needed!! We are tired of being treated like a "third world community" on the Westside. Taking two hours commuting in the mornings to work and then two hours to drive home is ridiculous. Getting through Maile Point and through Nanakuli is a nightmare even on weekends. I am in full support of a solution and implementation of another road into and out of Waianae.

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Ferdinand Agostosa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Just do it already. It's been talked about for decades. We should not talk no more and take action already.

It's another access to get out of the coast during emergencies. We have an emergency access. It does not work. It goes back into farrington.

I can go on but that's one reason we need it.

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Stanley Viernes Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: What would happen if there is an accident at the beginning of nanakuli by black rocks then the whole coastline would shut down. There has to be a solution to that!

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Michael Rice	Individual	Support	No

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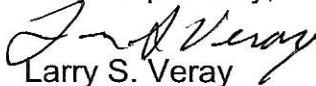
**ON HB1378 HD1 RELATING TO HIGHWAYS**

**February 28, 2017**

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and committee members of the House Committee on Finance. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB1378 HD1. I am Chair for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board and I also represent the West-Leeward-Central Oahu Traffic Mitigation Working Group that was recently formed with composition of 11 Neighborhood Board representatives. This collaborative Neighborhood Board Working Group was established because traffic is the number one problem on Oahu and we will be stating a requirement for a fully integrated alternate freeway to be built from West Oahu to Central Oahu via a Southern route. For too long, our residents and families in West Oahu have painfully suffered waiting an inordinate amount of time waiting in traffic on Farrington Highway transiting from and to West Oahu. Importantly, families, elderly and children wait for their love ones to return from work and when they do return home in the evening, they just don't have enough quality time with their families. But of great importance, our residents in West Oahu have suffered the many challenges of emergency situations such as hurricanes, tsunami warnings and flooding where if the Governor were had ordered evacuations of the community; there would have been no possible way for everyone to be evacuated to safe areas avoiding a catastrophic situation with a tremendous amount of loss of life.

In closing, I most strongly recommend you act now and pass HB 1378 HD1 setting in motion the way ahead to capture State funding to support the initial planning to build a fully integrated freeway from West to Central Oahu based on lessons learned from building the H3 expressway that now serves the many residents on Oahu. Mahalo!

Very respectfully,

  
Larry S. Veray



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**HB1378**

Submitted on: 2/28/2017

Testimony for FIN on Mar 1, 2017 11:00AM in Conference Room 308

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
C. Pono Higa	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The concerns for needed transportation relief shared by residents of the Waianae coast have been exhausted and exacerbated for far too long. The question of needing an alternative means of transportation to service the Waianae coast is no longer uncertain. The people of West Oahu need resolve. It comes down to identifying a possible solution, funding its plan, design, and construction. I am in support of the intent of HB1378 HD1 Section 2.(a) “the department of transportation shall develop plans for construction of secondary access roads to serve as alternative routes to Farrington highway for travel within, into, and out of the Waianae district of Oahu. Plans shall include route maps, timelines for implementation, measures to avoid or mitigate disruption of access to currently available routes, and any other information the department deems necessary.” However, I feel its intent is being met by an existing State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) project proposal, “Farrington Highway (Route 93) Corridor Study,” in reference to the department’s Request for Proposal (RFP) Scope of Work Information document published November 30, 2016. Similar language relating to the plight of Waianae coast transportation issues, study objectives, and outcomes is shared both in the RFP as well as HB1378. Although, the RFP does not wait until the year 2030 to begin such plans. In fact, per the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (OahuMPO) Draft Transportation Improvement Program 2015-2018 Revision #15, the “Farrington Highway (Route 93) Corridor Study” intends to encumber a total of \$500,000, of which will comprise 80 percent federal funds and 20 percent local funds within FFY 2017. Reference: 1. State of Hawaii Department of Transportation Request for Proposal Scope of Work Information, <http://spo3.hawaii.gov/notices/notices/none-1/getfile?filename=scope-of-work-farrington-highway-corridor-study.pdf> 2. Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Draft Transportation Improvement Program 2015-2018 Revision #15, <http://www.oahumpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/15-18-TIP-Revision-15-FHWA.pdf>

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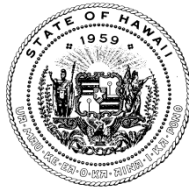
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March 1, 2017  
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**H.B. 1378, H.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO HIGHWAYS**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of the bill. However, we feel this bill is unnecessary.

The DOT is currently in the procurement phase to conduct a corridor study of the Nanakuli, Maili, Waianae, and Makaha corridor. The scope of the study is to assess and provide recommendations to provide a second access into and out of the area, reducing congestion, increasing capacity, and improving safety. The study will also consider the following modes of transportation: freight, vehicular, transit, bike and pedestrian modes.

The DOT recommends this corridor study be completed for the purpose to leverage federal funds for the proposed projects identified in the study. The corridor study is estimated to take two years to complete.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.