

## HCR 197

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ANALYZE THE WAIANAE COAST EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD SYSTEM AND WHETHER THESE ROADS CAN BE USED AS A SECONDARY ACCESS ROAD TO THE WAIANAE COAST ON A PERMANENT BASIS.



April 13, 2017

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Public Hearing, April 13, 2017 at 2:30p.m., Conference Room 229

**TESTIMONY of WILLIAM F. ANONSEN**

**MANAGING PARTNER/PRINCIPAL of THE MARITIME GROUP, LLC  
IN SUPPORT of H.C.R. 197 (WAIANAE COAST ROADWAY SYSTEM)**

My name is William Anonsen and I am the Managing Partner/Principal of THE MARITIME GROUP, LLC, and the chair of the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management. I strongly support HCR 197 which encourages Hawaii DOT to work with the C&C of Honolulu DTS and HPD to analyze and assess the possibility of using the Waianae Coast Emergency Access Road on a more permanent basis.

Farrington Highway is currently the only publicly accessible roadway into or out of the Waianae District, and it is the only connector between the entire Leeward Coast and the urban center of Honolulu. Additionally, traffic can be completely locked in or out of the district when there is a major vehicle accident, debris from storms on the roadway or other emergency situations. As such there is an essential need for Waianae Coast residents to have improvements that alleviate this concern, and at a minimum there is a need for an alternative access route to provide relief from these situations. A traffic study by DOT conducted last year estimated that about 50,000 vehicle transverse the Farrington Highway daily, compared with about 30,000 ten-years ago.

I think we can all agree the traffic on Farrington Highway along with Waianae Coast is a problem, how to resolve the problem has differing opinions employing various alternative options. Some of which are estimated to cost in excess of \$500-\$750 million such as the previously proposed Mauka Highway alternate-route plan. The State and DOT may not currently have the money to build such a roadway system, and as such DOT needs to instead focusing on identifying viable options and improvements planned for Farrington Highway. Other alternative options have included extending the Waianae Coast Emergency Access Route which reroutes traffic through a series of public and private roads.

I commend DOT in its desire to find a viable solution, to include its recent undertaking of a corridor study that would assess and provide recommendations on a second access route in and out of the Waianae Coast, in addition to traffic mitigation measures that have the potential to reduce traffic congestion and improve safety.

***Mahalo for the opportunity to comment in support of this measure***

*Sincerely,*

*William F. Anonsen*

*Managing Partner/Principal*

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Aloha Chair Inouye,

My Name is Liane Schaefer and I am testifying in support of HCR197 because I have sat in 45 minute to 2 hours of traffic to go 5 minutes down the road from Kaukama to Hakimo to drop my daughter off to school. If those times the emergency road had been open I would have made it to my daughters school without having to go thru the regular morning traffic. It's gotten better but it still takes me 45 min to an hour to get to kapolei in the morning which normally without traffic takes 15 minutes. The emergency access roads have been very helpful to the waianae coast residents thanks to Rep. Andria Tupola for making sure to get someone to open them and help alleviate our traffic woes. We can do so much better if we just continued to do things that make sense. Those access roads help alleviate the traffic we face on this side. And every little bit helps in the grand scope of access getting in and out here on the west coast.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Liane Schaefer

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sam puletasi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My Name is Sam Puletasi and I am testifying in support of HCR197 because Hawaii needs to have a law to dictate land access and prevent land owners from locking when the accesses are desperately needed by the public for many emergency and safety purposes. Mahalo for you consideration, Sam Puletasi

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Aloha Chair Inouye,

My Name is Stephen F. Barnes and I am testifying in support of HCR197 because it is blatantly obvious that no matter what changes, additions and/or alterations we make with H1 Farrington hwy. It will never suffice! Mainly due to over population on the leeward coast. Not only are we saturated with local residents living here. We need to realize that we are also bombarded by visitors and tourist as well. It may not seem like it, but for a lack of better a word. We are experiencing a certain level of hardship and distress due to this perpetual ongoing seemingly endless traffic day in and day out. So please consider, at least HCR197. So we can put an end to this debacle and move on to the next dilemma.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Stephen F. Barnes

Aloha Chair Inouye,

My Name is Marjorie Tayao and I am testifying in support of HCR197. My husband and I both live in Waianae, we bought our home in Waianae after facing the reality that we would not be able to afford to buy a home in town. We have 2 children under the age of 4 and commute almost 4 hours a day to our jobs in Downtown/Kakaako. We spend over 20 hours a week in traffic, commuting on the weekends to help aging family members on the Windward side. The recently opened contraflow lane helps us get back home in the afternoon but we realize that it adds 2-3 hours of commute time to those leaving Waianae after work.

We need a better way for the residents of the Leeward Coast to get home in a timely manner, to pick up their children from daycare or school, and to spend more quality time with family. There has been too many days where an accident or closure has kept us in traffic for more than 2 hours. During the watermain break in 2015, my family was stuck in traffic for over 5 hours; I was 8 months pregnant and could not get back home. If another road can be utilized, that would help grow and strengthen the Waianae community.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Marjorie and Jeremiah Tayao

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