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H.C.R. 96
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXPAND
THE ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy
And
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this resolution that urges the DOT to expand the Adopt- A-Highway program; however, DOT requests additional funding to expand the existing program to include public education and outreach about littering.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

HCR-96

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Comments:

To the Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair; the Honorable Will Espero, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Transportation and Energy:

To the Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair; the Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Good afternoon. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **HCR96** relating to reinvigorating participation in the Adopt-a-Highway program.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **HCR96** and supports its adoption.

HCR96 is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it urges the Department of Transportation to reinvigorate participation in the Adopt-a-Highway program and to consider how to provide additional support to groups participating in the Adopt-a-Highway program, such as sending periodic reminders and considering other low-cost ways of keeping participants engaged; and that the Department of Transportation is to work with the counties to expand the Adopt-a-Highway program to include county roads.

The DPH Platform states that "The Democratic Party of Hawai'i believes that the preservation and restoration of our natural environment is essential. We support a sustainable society that utilizes the earth in such a way that future generations will benefit from the practices of our generation. We support the restoration, preservation, and protection of our native ecosystems on each island. We believe in integrated approaches, practices, and support public policies that create and maintain a sustainable way of life in Hawai'i." (Platform of the DPH, P. 8, Lines 407-411 (2016)).

We believe in the vigorous enforcement of our environmental laws and increased public-private stewardships and citizen involvement in protecting our resources. (Platform of the DPH, P. 8, Lines 432-433 (2016)).

We support democratic participation of citizens and residents to protect (i) valuable coastal ecosystems and reefs from misuse and (ii) beaches for public use and recreation. The Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management (CZM) law, HRS Chapter 205A, currently provides for public participation in management of coastal resources (Platform of the DPH, P. 8, Lines 427-430 (2016)).

Given that **HCR96** urges the Department of Transportation to reinvigorate participation in the Adopt-a-Highway program and to consider how to provide additional support to groups participating in the Adopt-a-Highway program, such as sending periodic reminders and considering other low-cost ways of keeping participants engaged; and that the Department of Transportation is to work with the counties to expand the Adopt-a-Highway program to include county roads, it is the position of the OCC on Legislative Priorities to support its adoption.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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