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Hawaii State Legislature

House Committee on Transportation

Mr. Henry Aquino, Chair and Mr. Sean Quinlan, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 21, 2018

Hearing Time: 9:45 a.m.

Measure Number: HR100/HCR112

Dear Sirs,

I wanted to voice my concerns for the safety of the pedestrians in my neighborhood. My family has lived on Ainakula Road for 42 years. I have seen our neighborhood change from a sleepy Wattle-forest landscape to a bustling densely-populated neighborhood. Many of us enjoy walking our neighborhood, and the loop from Ainakula Road to Haleakala Highway, and back through Lower Kimo Drive is almost a perfect 30- minute walk.

As a child, I used to walk from Ainakula Road to Upper Kimo Drive all by myself. Back then we did not have all that much traffic, and drivers used to obey the posted speed limit of 30 MPH. Now, as a mother, I would never send a child walking that stretch alone, for fear of their safety. I have personally been walking Haleakala Highway when a car speeding by at around 65 MPH nearly knocked my friend and I off the road. There is so much traffic now and while some drivers are courteous and move over to give pedestrians room to walk, others are not.

I am writing today to urge you to help keep our neighborhood safe. We desperately need a shoulder along Haleakala Highway from Ainakula Road to Lower Kimo Drive. Our pedestrians deserve a safe place to exercise, walk their dogs and children, and arrive safely at the bus stop.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Shanna Robidoux – Homeowner and Neighborhood Walker

279 Ainakula Road, Kula, HI 96790

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Haleakala Hwy at Kimo Drive



Haleakala Hwy near Ainakula Road

I urge you to help make our neighborhood safer.

Kindest regards

Margaret Sutrov – Owner/Margaret Sutrov Architect Inc.

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