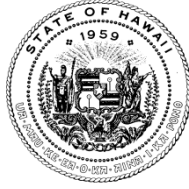


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S.C.R. 176 / S.R. 105
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ASSESS THE DANGERS
OF PEDESTRIAN USE OF THE SHOULDER OF HALEAKALA HIGHWAY BETWEEN
UPPER KIMO DRIVE AND AINAKULA ROAD AND TO EXAMINE POTENTIAL
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COUNTERMEASURES

Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

The Department of Transportation **supports** S.C.R. 176 and S.R. 105 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Biennium Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SCR-176

Submitted on: 3/27/2018 2:52:19 AM

Testimony for TRE on 3/28/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

To the Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair; the Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:

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

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 **SCR176 / SR 105** relating to Pedestrian Safety; Haleakala Highway; DOT; Highways Division; Kula Marketplace; and Kula Lodge.

The OCC on Legislative Priorities is in favor of **SCR176 / SR 105** and supports its passage.

SCR176 / SR 105 is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it requests that the Highways Division of the Department of Transportation (1) assess the dangers of pedestrian use of the shoulder on the portion of Haleakala Highway between Upper Kim0 Drive and Ainakula Road; (2) examine the effectiveness of potential pedestrian safety countermeasures; and (3) submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019.

The Platform of the DPH provides that "We believe in a government that will adequately, efficiently, courteously, openly, ethically and fairly administer to the needs of the people. (Platform of DPH, P.5, Line 443-448 (2016)).

"We seek to achieve energy sustainability based on renewable energy sources. We must encourage the use of clean alternative fuel sources to include our public

transportation systems. We must increase the use of public transit, telecommuting, car and vanpooling, ridesharing, biking, walking, and other forms of transportation thereby reducing traffic congestion and air pollution. We must also urgently develop the use of a variety of cost-effective energy providing systems, encourage transit-oriented development, and support tax incentives that encourage renewable energy initiatives." (Platform of DPH, P.8, Line 443-448 (2016)).

Given that **SCR176 / SR 105** requests that the Highways Division of the Department of Transportation (1) assess the dangers of pedestrian use of the shoulder on the portion of Haleakala Highway between Upper Kim0 Drive and Ainakula Road; (2) examine the effectiveness of potential pedestrian safety countermeasures; and (3) submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019, it is the position of the OCC on Legislative Priorities to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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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

May 27, 2018

Hawaii State Legislature RE: SR105, SCR176

Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Chair Senator Clarence Nishihara and Members

Committee on Transportation and Energy

Chair Senator Lorraine Inouye and Members,

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I have been concerned about the safety of pedestrians walking along the shoulder of Haleakala Highway between Ainakula Road and Kimo Drive. This portion of the highway runs through a residential district where pedestrians walk to work, walk to the Kula Market Place, walk to the school bus stop, walk their dog or just go for a walk around the neighborhood. Haleakala Highway connects the neighborhood creating a popular circuitous route. Unfortunately there is very limited shoulder to keep pedestrians off the road where the guardrails are located. Motorists do not pay attention to the 30 mph speed limit. As the residential population increases in this neighborhood as well as the traffic increase it is just a matter of time before someone gets injured.



Two adults with baby stroller and dog on Haleakala Hwy at Kimo Drive



Mother with baby stroller & dog on Haleakala Hwy near Ainakula Road

I urge you to help make our neighborhood safer.

Kindest regards

Margaret Sutrov

291 Ainakula Road, Kula, Maui

SCR-176

Submitted on: 3/27/2018 9:54:43 AM

Testimony for TRE on 3/28/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Beth Roan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Sirs,

I'd like to voice my concerns regarding Haleakala Highway . I'm a resident on Ainakula Road and

frequently walk on Haleakala Highway. I find it to be dangerous, especially having very little or no shoulder in some places on the road. There is always constant traffic including cars, tour buses , and bicycle tours. One hazardous spot in particular are the guard rails between Ainakula Road and Kula Lodge. I'm always concerned about my safety when I walk . I hope

something could be done sooner rather than later to avoid a serious accident. Ignoring this safety issue could eventually lead to a tragic outcome. Which none of us would like to see happen.

Sincerely,

Beth Roan