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Comments:

To the Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair; the Honorable Sean Quinlan, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Transportation:

Good morning. 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** relating to Pedestrian Safety; Haleakala Highway; DOT; Highways Division; Kula Marketplace; and Kula Lodge.

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

SCR176 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 Kimo 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

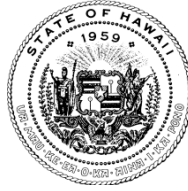
development, and support tax incentives that encourage renewable energy initiatives." (Platform of DPH, P.8, Line 443-448 (2016)).

Given that **SCR176** 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 Kimo 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,

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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

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation **supports** S.C.R. 176 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.