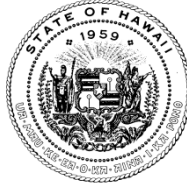


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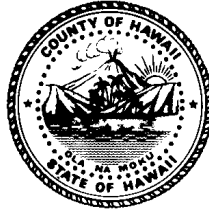
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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** these resolutions and offers the following comments:

1. The bill does not replace our priorities requested in the Executive Budget.
2. The limits be extended from Lako Street to Henry Street to consider a continuous four-lane highway.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 25, 2019

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Transportation

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Committee Members:

**RE: SCR 78/SR 55 Relating to the Kuakini Highway**

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SCR 78 and SR 55.

There naturally has been much focus on disaster relief for the Puna District on the Big Island, which we think is deserved and for which we are grateful. Nevertheless, life on the rest of Hawai'i Island continues apace, including population growth and the difficulties generated by too much traffic.

West Hawai'i has benefited tremendously from the recent widening of Queen Kaahumanu Highway, but the traffic crawl on Kuakini Highway, between Lako Street and Kamehameha III Road, can be maddening. Our Senator has rightly identified this area as a high priority, and I know the community will be appreciative of any assistance you can offer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Kim  
MAYOR