

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Committee members,

I am testifying in support for HB288 relating to infrastructure maintenance in housing subdivisions.

This bill would require lot owners in housing subdivisions to pay assessments for repair and maintenance of subdivision roads to an entity approved by a majority of homeowners or appointed by a court, or to the county. Requires the counties to provide oversight and management services to assessing entities.

Right now, the road conditions in the Puna district are in such disrepair that Emergency medical and law enforcement vehicles sometimes have great difficulty, or are outright unable, to traverse certain roads. I have heard of many cases in which emergency response time was delayed to the dangerous conditions that some of these roads present. One case that comes to mind is the Dana Ireland murder, where, the response time was unnecessarily lengthened due to the condition of subdivision roads.

Without the requirement that would make road fees mandatory, the condition of these roads will continue to fall into further disrepair and continue to jeopardize the health and safety of residents in the immediate and neighboring areas.

This bill would also provide county oversight to help with management and transparency to help these oversight agencies to operate more efficiently. This will also help to prevent further legal disputes amongst these oversight agencies. Right now a majority of the subdivision find themselves involved with legal disputes. The legal fees from these disputes draw resources away from road repair and maintenance, further compounding the already urgent problem.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheldon Lehman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sheldon Lehman

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Couch	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm a resident of Hawaiian Paradise Park, One of the largest subdivisions in the United States. My current road dues \$360.00 a year. For that money I get my road graveled at least once a year and they cut the bush on my road easements as well. In order to have the roads paved for all our community under this proposal we would have to pay realistically \$1,000.00 a year or more with no guarantees that all roads would be paved soon. What this community really needs is our legislators to help us with government grants to help us to expedite the road work. This bill or something very similar keeps being presented and it also keeps being voted down. Please bring something forward with some fresh new ideas instead of giving an old bill a new bill number and expecting to get a different result. I believe that such actions are said by famous scholars to be insanity.