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H.B. 839
RELATING TO TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON THE PALI HIGHWAY

House Committees on Transportation

The Department of Transportation **supports with an amendment** H.B. 839 to appropriate \$5,200,000 for the design and construction of four signalized crosswalks on Pali Highway in Nuuanu, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget.

We request the first paragraph in SECTION 2 be revised to read as follows:

The director of finance is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in the sum of \$5,200,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the purpose of designing and installing signalized crosswalks and related pedestrian improvements at the four following intersections with unsignalized crosswalks:

- (1) Ahipu'u street, where it intersects with the Pali highway;
- (2) Wood street, where it intersects with the Pali highway;
- (3) Dowsett avenue (lower), where it intersects with the Pali highway; and
- (4) Dowsett avenue (upper), where it intersects with the Pali highway.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Testimony Supporting HB839

Aloha Transportation Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and esteemed members of the Committee on Transportation:

Hawaii Bicycling League **supports HB839** which appropriates funds to signalize all crosswalks on the Pali Highway. Signalization is critical to allow people to cross the wide highway safely. Elderly persons have been victims of traffic violence here — a fate that no one deserves. We all have a right to be safe on our streets and live our lives.

If sufficient funds are provided to state DOT in general, I am sure they will provide the signalization. Each signalized intersection costs approximately \$2,000,000 so they would need \$8,000,000 for this work.

Thank you very much for considering the comments of Hawaii Bicycling League. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact Daniel Alexander (808-275-6717, Daniel@hbl.org) or Chad Taniguchi (808-735-5756, chad@hbl.org).

Ride and Drive Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Alexander".

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Chad Taniguchi
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