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**H.B. 1081, H.D. 1, S.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO SIDEWALKS**

Senate Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 1081, H.D. 1, S.D. 1. This bill requires the DOT and each county's transportation department to create and maintain a priority list of sidewalk installation and improvement projects and to publish the priority list on their respective websites.

The DOT supports efforts to improve the pedestrian network. We have a comprehensive process in place to improve and maintain not only sidewalks, but the DOT's pedestrian network. The DOT's nationally recognized Statewide Pedestrian Master Plan reviewed existing conditions in the DOT's pedestrian network, including the location of facilities (e.g., sidewalks and shared use paths), pedestrian attractors, transit routes, census characteristics, and safety data. Based on existing conditions and input from the public and stakeholders, the project team identified thirty areas of concern and developed recommendations for improving those areas. The DOT has implemented half of the top ten project recommendations. In addition to the Statewide Pedestrian Master Plan, the DOT has existing maintenance contracts for its sidewalk network and maintains a complaint hotline and log for the public to use to notify the DOT of concerns on the DOT system.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



**Statement of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i  
In Support of HB1081 HD1 SD1, Relating to Sidewalks**

The [Democratic Party of Hawai'i](#) supports HB1081 HD1 SD1, Relating to Sidewalks, to the extent that it aligns with our Party's [platform](#). The bill would require the Department of Transportation and each county's transportation department to maintain a priority list of sidewalk installation and pedestrian improvement projects and to publish the priority list on their respective websites. The bill would be effective on July 1, 2050.

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i recognizes the necessity of providing a safe, efficient transportation infrastructure. We endorse efforts to promote less reliance on imported fossil fuel and to support energy-efficient methods of transportation. Therefore, we support County, State, and Federal efforts to provide more efficient and punctual methods of public transportation, to include but not limited to: sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, bicycle paths and lanes, mass transit, highways, airports, and ferry systems. We support the allocation of resources including public funds to address all necessary transportation issues, including increased funding for mass transit.

We find that by creating and maintaining a priority list of sidewalk installation and improvement projects and publishing such a priority list online, this will help to improve safe, efficient transportation infrastructure in our state.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to provide these comments in support of this important bill.

*Tyler Dos Santos-Tam  
Chairperson*

**HB-1081-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
cheryl B.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SUPPORT

Living downtown Honolulu, being a person who walks almost everywhere around the island. The sidewalks are in deplorable condition. Right on Beretania in front of the Capitol by the Biki, is a prime example. While you are working on the sidewalks, get the crosswalks painted consistently and look into changing some right turn on red, like at Beretania and Fort (mauka).

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Comments:

DOT should proactively send mailers to areas where sidewalk installation is a priority with instructions on how to apply for sidewalk installation in their subdivision and on their land and expected eminent domain reimbursement per (however wide a sidewalk is X per foot). Local support for a sidewalk project can be gauged this way, and areas with high local sidewalk support should be given priority. Ensure sidewalk projects are completed in a timely manner.