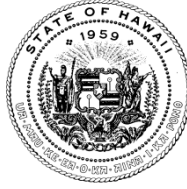


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H.C.R. 97
REQUESTING THE FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE ON
NORTH ROAD MANAGEMENT

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) Provides the following **comments** to this House Concurrent Resolution to establish a task force on the management of North Road that will recommend safety improvements.

With respect to the involvement in this matter, the DOT has no jurisdiction of North Road; therefore, the City and County of Honolulu would be the more appropriate entity to form a task force and make recommendations. However, the DOT would be happy to be a part of the group and provide recommendations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted on: 4/7/2021 11:58:37 AM

Testimony for TRS on 4/8/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Augie Tulba	Testifying for Honolulu City Council - District 9	Support	No

Comments:

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT: HCR 97

Submitted by Honolulu City Council Member Augie Tulba, District 9

Submitted to Senate Chair Chris Lee and Senate Vice Chair Lorraine R. Inouye of the Senate Transportation Committee

Alohs Senate Chair Lee and Senate Vice Chair Inouye,

As the Honolulu City Council Member representing District 9, which includes North Road, I am writing to voice my support for HCR 97, REQUESTING THE FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE ON NORTH ROAD MANAGEMENT.

My staff and I recently joined community groups to help clean up North Road, and I can attest to the fact that illegal dumping, homeless encampments, abandoned cars, and maintenance issues, are plaguing the area.

The main thoroughfare is important to the community as it allows access to our parks, schools, stores, churches, and many other places of importance, but it has many safety issues.

Exacerbating the problem, three entities, one private and two public, own different parts of the road.

The Department of Transportation, City & County of Honolulu, Ewa Beach Golf Course, Carmel Partners, Iroquois Point, and Ewa Beach Neighborhood Board have requested that a task force be formed to review North Road management.

We support idea of the Department of Transportation organizing four task force meetings, after which the agency would report recommendations on safety improvements and unified management of North Road to the Legislature.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 4/6/2021 3:02:23 PM

Testimony for TRS on 4/8/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen Foote	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Kathleen Foote and I am a resident of Kapilina Beach Homes, a neighborhood adjacent to North Road in Ewa. I am also a member of the Ewa Neighborhood Board. I have been appalled by the conditions on North Road since moving here 3 years ago.

Many residents of Kapilina refuse to walk or ride bicycles along North Road, although it is the only road available in or out of Kapilina, because of the potentially dangerous conditions. There are no sidewalks, no lighting and the road is lined with trash, abandoned vehicles, and overgrown weeds.

There is no public transportation to Kapilina, so residents who work in Waikiki and get on the bus at the end of their work day during daylight end up having to walk along the road in complete darkness for more than 2 miles to get home.

Although James Campbell High School is directly down the road, it is rare to see students walking or riding bikes home from school - safety is a main concern.

Volunteers are the only line of defense for the trash, although the garbage begins to re-appear within hours of their efforts.

Calling 311 to get the abandoned vehicles removed results in messages that the road does not belong to the city/county so the vehicles stay. Calls to the golf course go unanswered.

I support the efforts of Rep McDermott in beginning the process of clearing and cleaning this disrespectful eyesore.

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Submitted on: 4/6/2021 3:12:45 PM

Testimony for TRS on 4/8/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Rogers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HCR97 forming a task force on North Road Management. This roadway is a major ingress and egress to the neighborhoods of Pu'uloa and Kapilina Beach Homes and is in badly need of Complete Streets upgrades and just general maintenance. Having several owners to various portions of the roadway allows all involved to say, "not my problem" leaving the festering issues to the community to resolve.

Very Respectfully,

John Rogers

Transportation Committee Chair Ewa Neighborhood Board #23

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Submitted on: 4/6/2021 9:13:07 PM

Testimony for TRS on 4/8/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lindsey Graham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this task force.

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Submitted on: 4/7/2021 4:40:15 PM

Testimony for TRS on 4/8/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brittany Sullins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I hereby testify the support of North Road Taskforce Management.

LATE

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Submitted on: 4/7/2021 6:47:31 PM

Testimony for TRS on 4/8/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kimberly U'ilani Chow-Rule	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senator Chris Lee

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye

RE: HCR 97

Hearing date: April 8, 2021

Aloha, My name is U'ilani Chow-Rule. I have been a resident of 'Ewa Beach for 14 years and my husband was born and raised in 'Ewa. Our son attended Campbell High School, and I attend a church which is located on North Road. As a resident, parent, and community member, I am concerned about the illegal dumping and other safety issues that plague the area. Ewa Beach is designated a Weed & Seed Community, it is established that the area has a history of safety issues. Despite this, more needs to be done. I urge you to approve HCR 97 to create a task force that can better identify strategies to improve the safety of North Road.

Mahalo

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