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**S.C.R. 39, S.D. 1**  
**URGING THE COUNTY OF HAWAII TO UTILIZE THE DATA RESULTING FROM**  
**THE 2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS TO ESTABLISH, IF ALLOWABLE, A**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAII.**

House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) offers **comments** to S.C.R. 39, S.D. 1. S.C.R. 39, S.D. 1, which urges the County of Hawaii to utilize the data resulting from the 2020 United States Census to establish, if allowable, a metropolitan planning organization for the County of Hawaii.

According to 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.310, a metropolitan planning organization “shall be designated for each urbanized area with a population of more than 50,000 individuals (as determined by the Bureau of the Census).”

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**SCR-39-SD-1**

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Testimony for JHA on 4/5/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Megan Lamson Leatherman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this senate concurrent resolution (SCR39 SD1) that urges Hawai'i County to a metropolitan planning organization. Many thanks to Senators Kanuha, Acasio, Keith-Agaran, and San Buenaventura for introducing this reso. Our South Kona community has long been advocating for safer roadways for pedestrians and bicyclists (and other non-motorized types of green transportation) for our residents and school children. A resolution like this would help move our County forward in this direction, and support our sustainability and climate change mitigation efforts. I wholeheartedly support this reso and look forward to the day when one can walk safely from the divided highway (180 and 11) in Honalo all the way to Honaunau Elementary. Mahalo for this opportunity to share my voice of SUPPORT for SCR39 SD1!

Best,

Megan Lamson Leatherman

Honalo, Hawai'i Island