

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 1055
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 1055 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Provide the Director of Transportation with any powers that may be necessary to carry out the Director's duties; and
- (2) Authorize the Director of Transportation to acquire real property for roads and streets, without review or approval by the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Transportation provides a critical network of highways and roads that serve the State's communities. Highway projects are typically set on a tight schedule as the State receives federal funding to support these projects, which have certain progress timeline requirements. This measure would remove any obstacles that delay the essential work needed for the State's highway system to remain operable and

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in good working condition by streamlining the process to acquire real property for roads and streets.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1055, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1055, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,


HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



