

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1403

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 1403 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AN ALTERNATE ROUTE SITE SELECTION SURVEY IN PUNA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Transportation, in collaboration with the County of Hawaii, to conduct site surveys on the island of Hawaii to identify the most suitable location for an alternate route in Puna below Highway 130.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, one member of the Hawai'i County Council, County of Hawai'i Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, Ulupono Initiative, Sacred Heart Church Pahoia, Nanawale Community Association Board of Directors, Kalapana Seaview Estates Community Association, and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Keaukaha-Pana'ewa Farmers Association, Kūpuna for the Mo'opuna, and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Department of Budget and Finance, and one individual.



Your Committee finds that Keeau-Pahoia Road, or Highway 130, is the primary arterial and only access route into the southeastern portion of the Puna area. Due to this limited road access, the residents of Puna experience severe traffic congestion, which impacts the quality of life for residents and may also result in fatal delays of emergency services. This measure is a first step in providing an alternative for the residents of Puna to alleviate existing and future traffic congestion.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that in conducting the site surveys, land under the jurisdiction of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands shall be excluded from consideration;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) 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. 1403, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1403, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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


HENRY J.C. AQUINO, chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 1403</i>	Committee Referral: <i>TRN, FIN</i>	Date: <i>2/9/22</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C)	X			
2. ILAGAN, Greggor (VC)	X			
3. CLARK, Linda	X			
4. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
5. KITAGAWA, Lisa	X			
6. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				X
7. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	X			
8. TAKUMI, Roy M.	X			
9. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	X			
TOTAL (9)	8			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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