

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1034

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 , 2021

RE: S.B. No. 32
S.D. 1
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 S.B. No. 32, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFRASTRUCTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require public utilities to consider the disruption to transportation as a criterion in planning future maintenance.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from Hawai'i Gas.

Your Committee finds that the maintenance of certain public utilities causes significant traffic congestion, further exacerbating existing traffic problems throughout the State. While your Committee recognizes the importance of maintaining the State's utility infrastructure, your Committee believes that the effects on traffic should be considered prior to any new installation or ongoing and future maintenance projects to help mitigate traffic congestion.



Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that in addition to planning future maintenance, a public utility seeking a permit to disturb a highway shall also consider the disruption to traffic and transportation in planning ongoing maintenance and new installation; and
- (2) Requiring the Director of Transportation to coordinate all projects seeking a permit to disturb a state highway to minimize traffic congestion caused by a project.

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 S.B. No. 32, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 32, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



HENRY J. C. AQUINO, Chair



