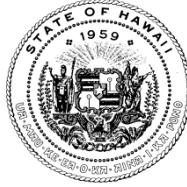


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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO EXPEDITE WORK ON THE MAIPALAOA BRIDGE IN MAILI, OAHU AND IMPROVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SUPPORT ON THE WAIANAE COAST AND URGING VARIOUS ENTITIES TO WORK TOGETHER TO IMMEDIATELY OPEN THE SECTION OF THE WAIANAE COAST EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD SYSTEM EXTENDING PAAKEA ROAD OUT TO LUALUALEI NAVAL ROAD FOR PUBLIC USE ON A PERMANENT BASIS.

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of H.C.R. 156 and provides the following comments.

The DOT has been working diligently to complete the Phase 1 construction on Maipalaoa Bridge and anticipates removing the contraflow lane in April 2022.

The DOT has a current federal-aid project that will install new traffic signal controllers at locations on Oahu including Farrington Highway along the Waianae coast. This project also includes the implementation of Adaptive Traffic Signal Control systems, which modifies signal timing parameters in response to changes in traffic conditions, in real time. The upgraded traffic signal system will communicate to a central system located at the Joint Traffic Management Center. The project is anticipated to be advertised in May 2022.

Damage to traffic signals and associated hardware has been an ongoing issue on the Waianae coast. The DOT has worked with the City and County of Honolulu (CCH) to respond in a timely manner when issues arise and will continue to do so.

Regarding a secondary access to the Waianae coast, the DOT supports efforts to improve the resiliency, mobility, accessibility, and safety of the transportation

system. DOT is currently seeking agreement with roadway owners to allow design and construction of "Paakea Road Improvements, Lualualei Naval Road to Hakimo Road, Project No. HWY-O-03-20". Completion of this project will be part of the proposed alternate access route for the Waianae Coast community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Comments:

I fully support this bill. Traffic is a nightmare on the Westside, made even worse by construction. The fact that we have only one way in and out exacerbates things greatly. A lot needs to be done to improve things on the Westside, including things not covered in this bill. Speeding up repairs to the Maipalaoa bridge would help with traffic in Maili, this project has gone on for too long. Completing the 'Turn Lane' in Nanakuli from Helelua Street to Mohihi Street would greatly improve morning traffic heading through and out of Nanakuli, as from experience the Lualualei Naval Road intersection seems to be the biggest choke point in Nanakuli. Permanently opening the emergency bypass road would also help to reduce traffic, allowing local traffic to use 'backgrounds' to get around rather than clogging in Farrington.