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Hearing: Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 11:15 a.m.

The Office of the Auditor offers comments on H.C.R. No. 137 and H.R. No. 138, requesting the auditor to conduct an audit on the Department of Transportation's Pali Highway resurfacing. Specifically, the resolutions request the auditor to conduct and submit a performance audit of the Department of Transportation's Pali Highway resurfacing.

Performance audits examine the efficiency and effectiveness of a state program by assessing the program's activities against statutory and other criteria. Generally, program management is responsible for developing and implementing policies, procedures, and other internal controls to help ensure the program achieves its statutory purpose. An audit assesses, among other things, those policies, procedures, and controls as well as whether the program's actual activities are being performed consistent with them. The Office of the Auditor conducts performance audits in accordance with government auditing standards issued by the U.S. Comptroller General.

While we appreciate Legislators want to provide residents with timely information on the status of the project, we believe the questions asked in the resolution can best be answered directly by the department or agency. The work described in the resolutions, however, is not an audit.

Thank you for considering our testimony related to H.C.R. No. 137 and H.R. No. 138.

HR-138

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 4:02:40 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/28/2023 11:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynn Murakami Akatsuka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the passage of HR 138 this session. It's been 5 years, 3 months and the completion date has been pushed back once more. An audit needs to be done to learn what the reasons are and "lessons learned" as DOT does road repairs for other highways and freeways. Got to have better planning, higher level of road material/supplies used on the roads instead of what has been used to date.

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Submitted on: 3/22/2023 10:02:16 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/28/2023 11:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christine Chikuma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is always prudent to do an audit on big projects to prove monies spent have not been wasted on unnecessary change orders. The outcome of an audit will give insight on similar future projects. We hope the quality of work lives up to the expectations of our community. Thank you.

TESTIMONY FOR PALI HWY AUDIT HR 138 HCR 137

Aloha Chairs and Committee Members of the TRN and LMG Committees,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of HR 138. As a taxpayer who uses the Pali Hwy. daily, I am beyond frustrated at the slow and piecemeal progress of the DOT's improvements to this thoroughfare.

It has been 6 years since this project was initiated. The public deserves to know what is going on and why the work is not be making acceptable progress. It is 3 years past its' estimated completion date.

Daytime commuters often have no warning that one lane will be closed, resulting in long delays. I have no choice but to leave 30 minutes early for appointments as it's always a possibility that bottlenecks will await.

My husband rides a motorcycle, and the extreme unevenness of the curbing and the asphalt is very dangerous for a 2-wheeled vehicle. Oftentimes, signage regarding the unevenness is posted days after the unsafe paving is created.

Also, the large traffic signal poles installed in the middle of sidewalks appear to block sidewalk clearance for wheelchairs.

Again, as taxpayers, we have a right to know why this project remains a thorn in our sides so many years after its' expected completion date.

Please support HT 138 calling for an audit of the Pali Hwy. improvement project.

Respectfully,

Kristine Chung

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Submitted on: 3/22/2023 12:05:05 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/28/2023 11:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bonnie S Lau	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Sirs,

I live on the Pali Highway and have lived through the last 5-6 years of road work. I understand delays can come from illness, material and worker shortages and weather, but the timeline for this project would not be tolerated in any private sector. I am a small business owner that has had to put up with all the above and am still managing to complete projects despite the challenges because my livelihood depends on it. As I am paying for the work with my tax dollars and my time and I am directly impacted by the multiple delays, I feel very strongly that there is a need for an audit. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/27/2023 9:31:04 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/28/2023 11:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bill Plum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Pali is only 12 miles long and we do not have snow to deal with or a shortened construction season. The Pali was long overdue for a repaving when the project started in 2017 and it has taken so long that the Kailua end now needs repaving. The current status of the road is unsafe. Someone needs to be held accountable.