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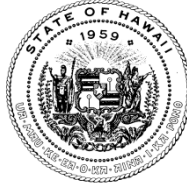
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Comments:

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11:00 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 423/Teleconference

**S.C.R. 167, S.D. 1  
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE AN  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND POLICY AND PROVIDE  
GUIDANCE TO ASSIST THE COUNTY OF HAWAII IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND  
FORMATION OF A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION OR A REGIONAL  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

House Committee on Transportation

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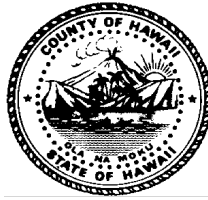
The Department of Transportation (DOT) provides **comments** on this resolution that create a temporary intergovernmental task force to assist in the establishment and certification of a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) or Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for the County of Hawaii. The department considers that these resolutions are unnecessary.

The DOT supports collaboration among communities and government agencies to direct federal funds toward transportation projects that increase access to opportunity and prosperity through improved multimodal pedestrian, bicycle, and transit options. As explained in the resolutions, the final 2020 Census data expected to be published in the next several months will determine whether this population threshold is met for establishment of an MPO. The DOT will follow up with the County of Hawaii when this data is released.

The existing Countywide Transportation Planning Process is a process that is currently used for transportation planning in nonmetropolitan areas and can be used to discuss or plan for a future MPO or RTPO.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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**House Committee on Transportation**

Rep. Henry Aquino, Chair

Rep. Greggor Ilagan, Vice-Chair

**RE: Support for SCR167 SD1, Regarding an Intergovernmental Task Force to Support  
Transportation Planning in the County of Hawai'i**

Aloha, Chair Aquino, and Esteemed Members of the Committee on Transportation:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of SCR 167, SD1, relating to transportation planning within the County of Hawai'i.

The Hawai'i County Council adopted Resolution 262-21, which calls for intergovernmental collaboration to assess Hawai'i Island's transportation infrastructure and identify steps necessary to establish, administer, and staff a transportation planning organization. SCR 167, SD1 would achieve this by formalizing coordination among the State and County through creation of a task force, which would assess planning organization eligibility and identify transportation projects critical to meeting the needs of the island's growing population.

Special mahalo to Senator Dru Kanuha for working with our office and championing this important endeavor. We appreciate this level of coordination. With the amount of federal funding available, we have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to secure as many infrastructure dollars as possible to support planning and implementation of an efficient and effective transportation system for Hawai'i Island.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashley Kierkiewicz', written in a cursive style.

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Chair, Committee on Planning • Chair, Housing Agency