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SCR NO. 137/SR 121

Senators, Chair  
Senator Maile Shimabukuro

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Thank you, Maile Shimabukuro and Cedric Gates - Representative, Waianae, for leading the charge to arrive at the Senate Concurrent Resolution SCR 137.

I am in favor of (4) of SCR No. 137

The State of Hawaii, City and County of Honolulu, federal entities, and private land owners are urged to work together to immediately open the section of the Waianae Coast Emergency Access Road System extending Paakea Road out to Lualualei Road to be used as a parallel route for the Waianae Coast on a permanent basis;

However, I have a caveat that prior to opening those “gates” there is a plan in place to provide infrastructure speed bumps, stop signs (corner of Paakea and Hakimo) and (Mailiili and Paakea) - also with education, notification etc. to ensure there is a manageable situation rather than a chaotic rush to traverse without regard to safety of drivers, pedestrians, bikers, community etc.

I believe the intent of this resolution is spot on and finally there is some benefit for the communities regarding our transportation and congestion woes in this area.

Opening this small stretch of road that has been guarded by two gates - sometimes with two different keys - has been a very controversial and

confusing mess as to who “manages” and holds the “keys.” Finally, that mystery will be no more.

Thank you Senators for your work and consideration. I look forward to seeing with my own eyes the removal of those gates and traffic improvement in our Leeward Coast.

Respectfully,

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