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H.B. 1290
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 1290, which appropriates general funds to the DOT for bicycle paths in Lower Puna.

The DOT supports providing more multimodal transportation connections on both the State and county systems. If general funds are appropriated for the effort, the DOT will work with the County of Hawaii on the routes identified in this bill: Kahakai Boulevard and Pahoa Village Road. The DOT will defer to the County on requests to plan, design, and construct improvements on the County roadway network.

On State Route 130, there is an existing shoulder bikeway from State Route 11 to Paradise Drive that was implemented over twenty years ago. The remainder of State Route 130 is a proposed shoulder bikeway that will cost an estimated \$1.8 million for project planning and design and an estimated \$12 million to construct due to the need to widen the existing paved shoulder outside of the existing paved roadway.

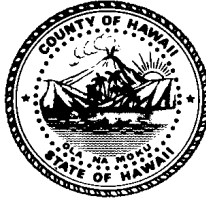
The DOT recently completed the Bike Plan Hawaii Refresh in 2022, which reevaluated data, priorities, costs, and feasibility of proposed projects from the 2003 Bike Plan Hawaii. This reevaluation included input from the public and bicycling stakeholder organizations, including People's Advocacy for Trails Hawaii. Adding bicycle improvements to State Route 130 from Paradise Drive through Pahoa Village Road is currently a mid to longer term priority for implementation due to the cost. However, if general funds are appropriated for the improvements, the implementation priority will be reevaluated.

Bicycle and pedestrian specific needs and improvements are identified through the DOT's bicycle and pedestrian programs. Both programs use a technical process coupled with community and public input to assess the bicycle and pedestrian network. Projects are then implemented as standalone projects or as part of larger transportation projects. Last year, as reported in the DOT Act 100 legislative report, more than \$45

million was expended for bicycle and pedestrian improvements, which include expenditures on raised crosswalks and shared use paths.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 6, 2023

The Honorable Representative Chris Todd, Chair
The Honorable Representative Darius Kila, Vice-Chair
Members of the House Committee on Transportation

Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Support for HB 1290 relating to Transportation

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice-Chair Kila and Members of the Committee on Transportation:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1290, relating to Transportation.

In our work on the Hawai'i County Council to support the Safe Routes to School Program, it has become clear that we have many challenges facing our County. With our growing population and geography, I am hopeful we can substantially address these issues by implementing infrastructure improvement projects such as bicycle paths.

I share your concern about public safety and this project will capitalize on the beauty of our island and improve traffic flow. The decisions and direction set through this endeavor will directly impact the collaborative efforts of public and private sectors to encourage increased ridership thus reducing air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions and improving physical activity, which in turn positively impacts the health of our community.

Mahalo for the opportunity to recognize the collaboration needed between the State and County for Hawai'i Island. By partnering and focusing our efforts, we will make the best use of our precious resources and develop viable solutions for a more efficient and effective transportation system. When we prioritize road safety for keiki to kūpuna, everyone benefits.

Aloha Piha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan L.K. Lee Loy".

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HB-1290

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| Timothy j Rowan | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Timothy Rowan and I'm speaking in support of Hb1290 . As a resident of lower puna for over 6 years I think our community would welcome any and all road improvements . Hwy 130 to Kalapana is picturesque ,beautiful and dangerous . Please pass this bill lower puna is the fastest growing area in the state and needs infrastructure help . Mahalo