

**HR-45**

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Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2024 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Wesley Shinkawa	Kapolei High School	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Wesley Shinkawa and I am the principal of Kapolei High School. I am writing in support of HB45 and humbly ask that the Committee on Transportation urge the Department of Transportation to install speed bumps and speed limit signage on the portion of Kapolei Parkway between Kapolei High School and Kapolei Middle School. Your support and immediate action to improve safety for students, parents, and staff on Kapolei Parkway between Kapolei High School and Kapolei Middle School is critically warranted.

**Here are my reasons for this request:**

- **High Traffic Volume and Speeding:** This stretch of Kapolei Parkway experiences a significant volume of traffic, particularly during morning and afternoon school hours. Unfortunately, many drivers exceed the posted speed limit, creating a dangerous situation for pedestrians crossing the street.
- **Proximity of Schools:** With Kapolei High School and Kapolei Middle School located directly on Kapolei Parkway, there is a constant flow of students, parents, and staff crossing the street throughout the day. The current conditions pose a serious risk to their safety.
- **Limited Visibility:** Having such a long stretch, of this six (6) lane highway, can limit driver visibility, further increasing the risk of accidents involving pedestrians.
- **Accident History:** There have been a concerning number of near misses and/or accidents on this section of Kapolei Parkway. This data underscores the urgent need for safety improvements.

**Proposed Solutions:**

- **Installation of Speed Bumps:** Speed bumps are an effective traffic calming measure that can significantly reduce vehicle speeds and create a safer environment for our students, pedestrians, and community.
- **Clear and Consistent Speed Limit Signage:** Ensure clear and well-maintained signage displaying the designated speed limit throughout this section of the highway.
- **Additional Safety Measures:** Please consider additional safety measures such as increased police presence during peak school hours.

The safety of our children and the entire school community is paramount. I urge the Committee on Transportation and the Department of Transportation to prioritize this issue and take

immediate action to implement these solutions. Let's not wait for another tragic event to occur to seriously consider this matter; let's be proactive. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**H.C.R. 62/H.R. 45**

**URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL SPEED BUMPS  
AND SPEED LIMIT SIGNAGE ON THE PORTION OF KAPOLEI PARKWAY  
BETWEEN KAPOLEI HIGH SCHOOL AND KAPOLEI MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**House Committee on Transportation**

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The Hawaii Department of Transportation **supports** H.C.R. 62/H.R. 45 and will provide the necessary resources for the design and installation of speed management strategies as determined by the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Randall Akau	Kanehili Community Association ( Hawaiian Homestead Lands )	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

The Kanehili Community Homestead Association fully supports the installation of speed bumps and speed limit signage on the portion of Kapolei Parkway, between Kapolei High School and Kapolei Middle School. We urge the DOT to act as soon as possible to provide these traffic-calming devices, especially in this critical area where our students, and pedestrians have to cross from one side of the highway to the other side. Vehicles traversing this road are exceeding the posted speed limit on both sides. There are several residential communities in this area with families who have school-aged students attending these schools and we want to keep them safe and protected. We pray that you pass HR45!

Mahalo,

Randall Akau

President, Kanehili Community Homestead Association

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Crystal Germano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in strong support of this bill being that I have teens who attend Kapolei High School. I also work with children from both schools regularly, and they always have to dodge vehicles while crossing the street. The speed tables will help deter speeding and make streets safer for the students who utilize the parkway to get home or across the street. There is a good amount of walkers in the community also, and there aren't enough safety connectors between the mauka and makai side of Kapolei Parkway. This bill helps pedestrians and bicyclists cross more efficiently.

Mahalo,

Crystal Germano

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Elizabeth Hayghe	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I've lived in the Kaupe'a Hawaiian Homestead on Puainako Street since 2008. At the intersection of Kapolei Parkway and Puainako Street, hundreds of students have crossed the street from both sides of the road daily. Yet, there are no, none, zero, nada cross walks, signage or caution crossings on either side of Puainako Street and Kapolei Parkway, nor are there any crosswalks around any of the Hawaiian Homesteads in Kapolei for that matter. However, there are more than 30 crosswalks on Kapolei Parkway starting from Kamokila Blvd., all the way down to Kapolei High School. Now why is that??? Subsequently, we don't have U.S. Postal mail delivery to our individual homes on Hawaiian Homesteads in Kapolei because we have cluster boxes. Additionally, we only have half-wide streets where we can only park on one side of the street leaving room for only one car to pass through the lanes at a time or back the hell up! So now they want to put speed bumps on Kapolei Parkway, but fail to recognize, prioritize and enforce the safety of our kids by not having crosswalks first. Ass backwards is what I say! But, I guess it's business as usual. Put the speed bumps before the crosswalks!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Annabelle B. Andres	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Yes, I am in favor of having speed bump or speed humps on Kapolei Pk Way. The increase of aggressive driving poses such a severe safety hazard to our pedestrians, cyclist in our residential community. If slower speed limits are one way to safe-guard our neighbors in The Villages of Kapolei. Then "YES" why not give us these bumps. All too common it seems that too many people are violating the road limits these days & it has now become a life & death problem. I also ask that these physical traffic-calming measures be implemented along Kamaaha Ave & along Kaiiau Ave. It only makes sense they are also placed in these locations because (3) of our public schools are triad along Kapolei Pk Way. Our children walk daily on these roads.

I would also like for you to take into consideration of planting trees along the median of Kapolei Pk. Way. Not only would this be visually aesthetic but would be a traffic-calming measure in assisting the problem of the noise level that the bumps may cause.

Mahalo.