

Honolulu, Hawaii  
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RE: H.B. No. 2673  
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2673, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ROADS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Permit the counties to use county surcharge revenues for the maintenance of private roadways that are open to the public; and
- (2) Require the counties to use fuel tax revenues for the reconstruction, repair, maintenance, and improvement of private roadways that are open to the public.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that many privately-owned roads are utilized for public purposes, such as first responders responding to an emergency or school buses dropping off or picking up students. As such, your Committee believes that the maintenance



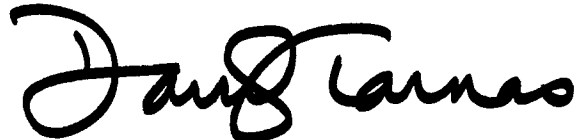
and upkeep of privately-owned roads serve a public purpose and require assistance from the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the public purpose of this measure;
- (2) Permitting the counties to use county surcharge revenues for the maintenance of public roadways; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2673, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2673, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary &  
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



