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### Statement of DEAN MINAKAMI

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Before the

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

March 13, 2025 at 8:59 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 430

In consideration of  
**S.B. 662 SD1**  
**RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.**

Chairs Evslin and Kila, Vice Chairs Miyake and Grandinetti, and members of the Committees.

HHFDC **supports** SB 662 SD1, which requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to transfer the public roads of the Villages of Kapolei to the City and County of Honolulu by January 1, 2026. It also authorizes county police officers to enforce the statewide traffic code on all public streets, roadways, and highways within the State.

This bill attempts to address a 30-year-old problem that has existed at the Villages of Kapolei (VOK), where the City and County of Honolulu (City) has not accepted the dedication of infrastructure improvements constructed by an HHFDC predecessor agency. While the City enjoys the real property tax revenues derived in part from the State's infrastructure improvements, HHFDC is forced to maintain those same improvements at an average cost to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund of more than \$1,000,000 per year. The cost will soon increase to about \$10,000,000 per year to pay for the necessary road rehabilitation work at VOK.

These are funds that could be used for the development of new housing units and infrastructure for affordable housing throughout the State.

HHFDC is more than willing to transfer the roads and other infrastructure to the City; however, we would not be able to fulfill the requirement of the bill if the City is unwilling to accept the roads.

Two years ago, HHFDC and the City entered into a memorandum of agreement. The first phase of roadway improvements is complete at a cost of \$15 million. It will take HHFDC ten years, at a cost of \$100 million, to improve the entire roadway system to the City's standards.

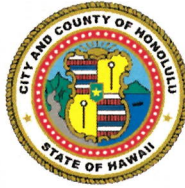
In addition, HHFDC supports the provision that specifies that county police officers have the authority to enforce violations on any federal, state, and county street, roadway, or highway.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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March 12, 2025

The Honorable Luke A. Evslin, Chair  
The Honorable Tyson K. Miyake, Vice Chair  
and Members of the House Committee on Housing  
The Honorable Darius K. Kila, Chair  
The Honorable Tina Nakada Grandinetti, Vice Chair  
and Members of the House Committee on Transportation  
House of Representatives  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chairs Evslin and Kila, Vice Chairs Miyake and Grandinetti, and Members of the Committees:

Subject: SB662 SD1– Relating to Transportation

The City and County of Honolulu (City), determined to not perpetuate the long history of stalemates that kept the City from accepting dedication of the roads within the Villages of Kapolei (roads), negotiated with the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) between 2022 and 2024 and reached a joint agreement that the City would accept the roads at a discounted rehabilitation cost of \$60M. These negotiations included assessments by City departments in concert with HHFDC of non-conforming conditions and the remedial actions, including costs, necessary for the City to address road nonconformities over time.

The City stands ready to consummate this negotiated agreement and respectfully requests the Committees include a deadline by which the City and HHFDC must finalize the agreement pursuant to the negotiated terms agreed to by the parties.

As for the language regarding authority of county police officers, HPD's authority is already established by HRS Chapter 291C and HRS Section 46-16 and the proposed language is unnecessary if the City and HHFDC execute the agreement per the agreed-upon terms between the City and HHFDC.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Formby", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael D. Formby  
Managing Director

**SB-662-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2025 5:58:55 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/13/2025 8:59:00 AM

| Submitted By       | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                   |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Mike Golojuch, Sr. | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I strongly support SB662. Please pass this bill.

**SB-662-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 12:07:15 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/13/2025 8:59:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                   |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Ellen Awai   | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I support SB662.SD1 turning Kapolei Village to City & County for HPD to enforce laws.  
Mahalo!

**SB-662-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 12:17:21 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/13/2025 8:59:00 AM

| Submitted By                     | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                   |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Joseph Peter Santos<br>Hernandez | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I am in support of SB 662 as per our Rep, Mike Gabbard.

I agree that our roads in Kapolei have been neglected and what is the reason?, Bickering in the guise of whose responsibility it is and "to save tax payor money?. For what? So you folks can use it for PAY RAISES??

FIX the roads already!!

You were all elected to make the lives of the people BETTER!!

Not for your personal career move!!

FIX the ROADS already!!

**SB-662-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 12:31:32 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/13/2025 8:59:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| John Rogers  | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair Senator Troy N. Hashimoto, and Members of the Committee,

I support SB 662 SB1 Requiring the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation to transfer the public roads of the Villages of Kapolei to the City and County of Honolulu by January 1, 2026. Authorizes county police officers to enforce the statewide traffic code on all public streets, roadways, and highways within the State. As an Ewa resident I use the roadways of the VOK for recreation and commuting and it is important that they are properly maintained for all users especially for those who live in the VOK.

Best Regards,

John Rogers Transportation Committee Co-chair Ewa NB #23

**SB-662-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 1:03:15 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/13/2025 8:59:00 AM

| Submitted By    | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Darren Holbrook | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

## Comments:

The ongoing issues surrounding road maintenance and law enforcement in the Villages of Kapolei (VOK) have placed a significant burden on residents who continue to pay state income and property taxes. As a member of the Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW), I have witnessed firsthand the negative impact that a lack of public presence and road maintenance has on our community.

I have lived in VOK for the past 14 years and have seen increasing issues related to roads, signage, parking, and safety. For the past 15 months, I have been an active member of NSW, advocating for police presence on our roads. However, I have repeatedly encountered frustration due to the jurisdictional dispute between the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) and the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC), which maintains the roads. HPD has stated that they do not have jurisdiction because these are private roads, yet despite this classification, we continue to pay property taxes to the city and county without receiving the necessary public services.

For nearly a year, we have been advocating for the correction of the road classifications, as all roads in VOK are actually owned by the state (HHFDC). In November 2024, the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) finally updated the GIS map to reflect that these roads are not private:

<https://geoportal.hawaii.gov/datasets/roads-honolulu-county/explore>

Despite these updates, we are now being told by the Motor Vehicle Control Division (MVC) that law enforcement activities cannot take place on state-owned roads. According to an MVC representative:

*"To my Department's knowledge, there has been no indication or discussion to date with DPP about conducting law enforcement activities on roads not owned by the City. I'm not sure why the State sought ownership of these roads instead of the City, but the reasons for that are likely out of my wheelhouse as well. Regarding the maintenance issue, things like road repair, street sweeping, and junk removal would fall under that category; law enforcement is a different matter, and jurisdictional/liability issues must be considered. Therefore, I have been instructed to cease and desist from further enforcement activity in Villages of Kapolei until instructed otherwise by my Department."*



Previously, residents could submit abandoned vehicle reports online. However, MVC no longer handles these reports, and the City & County website no longer allows us to report abandoned cars. Our only recourse is to call HPD's non-emergency line, which often results in an officer either talking to the vehicle owner or the vehicle simply being driven away—without any real resolution.

While DPP has updated many roads to reflect state ownership rather than private ownership, some roads were overlooked. However, when checking the map, it now indicates that the City is listed as the “maintainer.” If the City is responsible for maintenance, this should include law enforcement services such as ticketing. Unfortunately, MVC inspectors interpret the situation differently, stating that because the roads are state-owned, they do not have jurisdiction and will no longer service our area due to workload constraints.

The recent New Year’s fireworks tragedy highlighted the dangers of illegal parking, which can obstruct emergency responders. Issues such as parking in front of fire hydrants, blocking cul-de-sacs, expired safety inspections and vehicle registrations, parking on sidewalks, and parking in unmarked crosswalks continue to create unsafe conditions in our community.

We urgently need clarity and resolution on these issues. Who is responsible for enforcing parking and traffic regulations on these roads? If the City is listed as the maintainer, should it not also provide enforcement? We need assurance that our community will receive the necessary law enforcement presence and public services that our taxes help fund.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,  
Darren Holbrook

**SB-662-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 1:16:13 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/13/2025 8:59:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Mary1982t    | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

As an original homeowner in the Villages of Kapolei (+30 years), I would like to see this bill move forward and be passed. Over the many years the areas of concern which belong to HHFDC continue to deteriorate and are becoming a eyesore for the community. HHFDC continues to ignore the community concerns in the Villages of Kapolei.

The residents have paid there taxes since day one and should be receiving the services like all other residents in Hawaii. We should not have to jump through hoops to have our roads maintained, the planter strips and median maintained on a regular basis, and have traffic issues enforced to keep the community looking clean and healthy.

I have tried to report abandoned vehicles that are safety concerns to the abandoned vehicle app only to be told city and county doesn't have jurisdiction with the Villages of Kapolei. There are vehicles and boats that are blocking fire hydrants, parked in no parking areas, and nothing is done by the police or HHFDC. The problem is growing and getting worse because of the confusion of who has jurisdiction and who really wants to do the job that is expected.

HHFDC at his point should be out policing the streets, taking care of the grafitti, towing illegally parked cars and boats on the street, and maintaining the sidewalks and meidan strips. I am tired of the excuses.

The State of Hawaii needs to treat all residents fairly when it comes to services that all residents pay for through taxes. In order to restore the beauty in the Villages of Kapolei and make it a welcoming place to live this bill SB 662 needs to get passed immediately. This issue should not even have happened in the first place if things were handled properly when the Villages of Kapolei was being built. Do the right thing and end the confusion.

Mahalo,

Mary1982t

**SB-662-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 2:31:40 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/13/2025 8:59:00 AM

| Submitted By    | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                   |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Sheila Medeiros | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I am in full support of SB662.

**SB-662-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 3:55:26 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/13/2025 8:59:00 AM

| Submitted By     | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify   |
|------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Gregory Peterson | Individual   | Support            | In Person |

Comments:

I Gregory Peterson a homeowner in Villages of Kapolei and a former president of the Villages of Kapolei homeowners Association Board of Directors,do support S.B. 662 SD1.

This bill will give relief to the long suffering homeowners and residents of the villages of Kapolei. Furthermore it will go in a positive direction to end the quagemire that has existed between the State (HHFDC) and the City & County (DPP) at the expense of the homeowners & residents.

In addition, I suupport the provision in this bill that specifies that city & county police officers have the authority to enforce violations on the roadways throughout the villages, which would go a long way to improve and enhance the quality of life in the villages.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill

**SB-662-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 4:15:50 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/13/2025 8:59:00 AM

| Submitted By            | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| claudia c k quintanilla | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I Support SB662!!

This has been an ongoing issue surrounding road maintenance and law enforcement in the Villages of Kapolei (VOK) it has placed a significant burden on residents who continue to pay state income and property taxes. As a member of the Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) in Kaupe'a-Hawaiian Homestead Land, I have witnessed firsthand the negative impact that a lack of public presence and road maintenance has on our community.

I have lived in VOK for the past 18 years and have seen increasing issues related to roads, signage, parking, safety & lack of maintenance. For the past 15 months, I have been an active member of NSW, advocating for police presence on our roads. However, I have repeatedly encountered frustration due to the jurisdictional dispute between the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) and the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC), which maintains the roads. HPD has stated that they do not have jurisdiction because these are private roads, yet despite this classification, we continue to pay property taxes to the city and county without receiving the necessary public services.

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I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Mahalo Nui Loa,  
Claudia Claire Kapiolani Quintanilla & NSW Lead for Kaupe'a Hawaiian Homestead Land

**SB-662-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 4:40:50 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/13/2025 8:59:00 AM

| Submitted By         | Organization          | Testifier Position | Testify                   |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| John & Rita Shockley | Free Access Coalition | Support            | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Aloha!

Clear, smooth roads are key to free access movement for everyone. Let's get behind having better roadways.

We support SB662 and we hope you will too!

Mahalo for your time.

**SB-662-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 5:59:55 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/13/2025 8:59:00 AM

| Submitted By      | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                   |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Carol D. Yokoyama | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Aloha Committees,

Please support SB662. This Bill clears up the confusion about who is in charge of our roads in Kapolei, which will help improve the safety of our community.

Mahalo Nui Loa for your time.



**SB-662-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 6:04:46 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/13/2025 8:59:00 AM

| Submitted By   | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                   |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Barry Yokoyama | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

Please support SB662. Kapolei is our second city and this bill will help the safety for everyone and help the growth of Kapolei.

Mahalo.

**SB-662-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 10:00:54 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/13/2025 8:59:00 AM

| Submitted By       | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Dr. Lori Lee Goeas | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Evslin, Chair Kila, and Committee Members,

I am Dr. Lori Lee Goeas, a resident of the Villages of Kapolei and Vice President of the Villages of Kapolei Association's (VOKA) Board of Directors. I am writing in support of Senate Bill 662.

Whether addressing maintenance of our roads (potholes, uneven surfaces), inadequate signage, or traffic violations, SB 662 will ensure fair and equal traffic laws within the villages as found on all other public roadways in the State. Prolonging the transfer of such roads is unequivocally negligent, as it is a denial of equal protection of roadway/traffic laws for those of us living in the Villages. Safety is paramount for ALL and the passage of SB 622 will echo your commitment to the residents of VOKA. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo in advance,

Dr. Lori Lee Goeas

**SB-662-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:55:04 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/13/2025 8:59:00 AM

| Submitted By           | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Daphne (Delta) Westcot | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Testimony for bill 662

This bill matters for the following reasons:

It clears up confusion about who's in charge of our roads.

- It will help repave and improve safety for our community.
- It creates a better flow of traffic and adds important upgrades for pedestrians and cyclists.
- It ensures the laws are followed fairly across all of Hawai'i.
- It gives police the ability to enforce traffic laws on all public streets, making sure everyone is safe and the rules are followed.

For 35 years I have lived here and no remediation on the roads around me has ever been done. It is time that City and County took responsibility as I have documents that say it was promised so why have the roads not been transferred yet. It is past time already.

Aloha Daphne Westcot

Aloha -

I support the passage of SB662 SD1 which requires the HHFDC to transfer public roads in the Villages of Kapolei to the City and County of Honolulu by January 1, 2026, if not sooner.

I believe that statutes already allow HPD to enforce traffic laws on streets that have been open to the public for 6 months or more, however, this bill will specifically allow enforcement on these roads.

I request that the effective date of the bill be changed to January 1, 2026 or whenever roads are transferred.

Mahalo. Moana Heu

**SB-662-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:07:42 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/13/2025 8:59:00 AM

| Submitted By     | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
|------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Michael McCallus | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha -

I am a tax paying homeowner residing in the Villages of Kapolei since 1996. Please know my household strongly supports the passage of SB662 SD1 for HHFDC to transfer public roads in the Villages of Kapolei to the City and County of Honolulu by January 1, 2026, if not sooner.

We also request the effective date of the bill be changed to January 1, 2026 or commensurate to when the roads are transferred.

Michael and Naomi McCallus

**SB-662-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:02:06 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/13/2025 8:59:00 AM

| Submitted By           | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Dr. Joseph T. Page Jr. | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support this bill in its entirety. I have been a resident of Oahu (Kapolei area) since 2013 and have been long concerned about the overall road conditions. This was emphasized by a recent trip to Maui where I discovered the roads, overall, to be in superb condition. Respectfully request your support of SB662. Mahalo.

**SB-662-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:48:42 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/13/2025 8:59:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Vanessa Lum  | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Senators,

I support the passage of SB662. I am a owner of the Villages of Kapolei Association, residing in this State of Hawaii Planned Development since 1991, some 34 years ago. I am also a property taxpayer to the City and County of Honolulu. I support SB662 passage because the City has been collecting taxes and getting away without maintaining the roads and the police enforcement of roads for way too long, and is simply using the tax revenue in other neighborhoods. It's time for the City and County of Honolulu to be pono with the owners of the Villages and quit delaying the turnover of the road infrastructure that 4027 households use on a daily basis!