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H.C.R. 182
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A
TRAFFIC STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC
CONGESTION ON KAHEKILI HIGHWAY FROM THE LIKELIKE HIGHWAY
INTERSECTION TO KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports the intent** of this resolution. However, we feel this resolution is unnecessary.

This resolution proposes that the DOT conduct a traffic study to identify the causes of traffic congestion and propose solutions to ease traffic congestion along Kahekili Highway between Haiku Road and Kamehameha Highway.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Kahekili Highway was done in 1990. Following completion of the EIS, the DOT widened Kahekili Highway from Likelike Highway to Haiku Road. In 2014, the DOT then completed a re-evaluation of the 1990 EIS for the segment of Kahekili Highway from Haiku Road to Kamehameha Highway. Based on this re-evaluation, the DOT is moving forward with the environmental process for this segment. Public involvement opportunities will be included in the process.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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HIGHWAY.

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of HCR 182 requesting the Department of Transportation to conduct a traffic study and make recommendations to alleviate traffic congestion on Kahekili Highway from the Likelike Highway Intersection to Kamehameha Highway.

The proposed traffic study will be beneficial to Windward Community College, its faculty/staff and students, as well as its neighbors. The University requests that special attention is paid to the left turning lane leading towards Windward Community College at the intersection of Kahekili Highway and Kea'ahala Road. During the morning rush hours, that left turning lane frequently fills beyond its capacity and begins to block traffic as a consequence.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HCR 182.

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Comments: My support comes with the caveat that any road/traffic modifications do NOT include widening of Kahekili Highway. Traffic signals can be timed better; turn lanes can be lengthened. Widening the highway between Haiku Road and Kamehameha Hwy is just the first step to widening the highway farther up the north shore--on a road that is already threatened with sea-level rise. Long-distance planning must be done, but cannot entertain thoughts of widening Kahekili.

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