STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1730

Honolulu, Hawaii
April 3, 2007

RE: H.R. No. 266
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.R. No. 266 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO OPEN AND RECONFIGURE THE EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND SHOULDER LANES FROM MAKAKILO DRIVE TO THE KUNIA INTERCHANGE NEAR THE EASTBOUND ON-RAMP ON THE H-1 FREEWAY DURING THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON RUSH HOURS TO HELP ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to help alleviate traffic congestion from West Oahu by requesting the Department of Transportation (DOT) to open and reconfigure the eastbound and westbound shoulder lanes from Makakilo Drive to the Kunia Interchange near the eastbound on-ramp on the H-1 Freeway during the morning and afternoon rush hours.

Numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. DOT did not support this measure as currently written.

Your Committee finds that traffic congestion from West Oahu, particularly the Leeward Coast, has greatly increased with increasing development and growth. In fact, it is common for individuals commuting from these areas of the island to spend several hours in traffic every day. Allowing for the use of a shoulder lane for traffic movement during rush hours may help alleviate some of this traffic congestion.

However, your Committee notes the concerns raised by DOT regarding the feasibility and necessity of initiating such a change in the area and during the times specified in this measure. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by requesting DOT to only open and reconfigure the eastbound shoulder lanes from Makakilo Drive to the Waipahu off-ramp on the H-1 Freeway during the morning rush hours.

Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 266, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 266, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,

JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair

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State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 266	Date: APRIL 2, 2007
Committee Referral: TRN, FIN	❑ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: ❑ Pass, unamended ☒ Pass, with amendments ❑ Hold ❑ Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration

TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)	✓			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	✓			
3. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
6. LUKE, Sylvia	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
8. NAKASONE, Bob	✓			
9. SONSON, Alex M.				✓
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	✓			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.				✓
12. MEYER, Colleen Rose	✓			
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	✓			
TOTAL	10			3

The recommendation is: ☒ Adopted ❑ Not Adopted

If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature:

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