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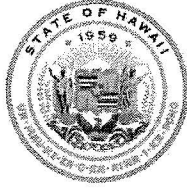
TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2708

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Department of Transportation understands the intent of this bill and fully supports public participation and collaboration; however, we believe this bill to be unnecessary. The DOT already has public involvement policies applicable to all modal divisions which are updated whenever appropriate or necessary to satisfy federal and state requirements.

If the Legislature decides to pass HB 2708, we request deletion of paragraphs (b) and (c).



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The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
House Committee on Finance
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State Capitol
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Dear Representative Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 2708 – RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

The position and views expressed in this testimony do not represent nor reflect the position and views of the Department of Health.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS HB 2708**. The purpose of this bill is to require the Department of Transportation to establish a public involvement process when developing the statewide transportation plan.

The Council is pleased that the bill includes “representatives of the disabled” (page 1, line 18) to be part of the public input process in receiving timely information about transportation issues and in the statewide transportation plan. Transportation affects the lives of all people with or without disabilities. It is a vital component and lifeline to employment, health care, recreation, and community life.

We ask for your consideration in amending the phrase, “representatives of the disabled” by deleting the term “the disabled” and replacing it with persons with disabilities. This amendment would reflect people first language. The new phrase would state, representatives of persons with disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2708 and considering our amendment.

Sincerely,

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