

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **340** -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2270
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 2270 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a task force to develop and explore alternative routes into and out of the Waianae Coast, including through Kolekole pass and opening Waianae Coast emergency access road.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Hawaii Military Affairs Council; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Kolekole Pass on the westside of Oahu is currently in disrepair and not equipped for traffic. The pass is operated under agreement with the United States military and access is limited to use by emergency vehicles or as a civilian evacuation route. Your Committee further finds that the westside of Oahu has limited access roads and would greatly benefit from alternative routes of travel. Your Committee believes that repairing, maintaining, and reconstructing the Kolekole Pass for two-way traffic will improve public safety as the Pass can serve as a means of providing emergency evacuation

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for Waianae Coast residents in cases of wildfire or other disasters and may ease traffic congestion in the area.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing as unnecessary a reference to the State Ethics Code, as the State Ethics Commission's longstanding practice is to exclude the activities of task force members from the general provisions of the Code; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2270, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2270, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



CHRIS TODD, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB2270	Committee Referral: TRN, FIN	Date: 2/8/24		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TODD, Chris (C)	/			
2. KILA, Darius K. (VC)	/			
3. AIU, Micah P.K.	/			
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.	/			
5. KITAGAWA, Lisa	/			
6. MIYAKE, Tyson K.	/			
7. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	/			
TOTAL (8)	8			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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