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Comments:

Aloha Chairs Lee and Wakai, and Vice Chairs Inouye and Chang. Please vote yes on HCR205. The current Kulanihako'i bridge was meant to be a temporary structure. It is now outdated and making repeated flooding damage to businesses and homes even worse. It's a shame that poor infrastructure is causing damage to constituents in this way.

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Maddax Tsuchiya	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo to the chairs of TCA and EIG, as well as all committee members. As a private citizen with family who has lived on Maui, **I stand in strong support of HCR205**. Currently, the Kulanihako'i bridge poses as a safety and environmental risk due to a lack of upkeep and reconstruction. Ensuring that this bridge is replaced, and that its usage is preserved guarantees safer transportation for all constituents in the area.

To: Senator Chris Lee, Chair Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Senator Inouye, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Senator Wakai, Chair Senate Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs
Senator Chang, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs
From: Dr. Joe Ritter
Date: April 17, 2025
Re: **Testimony in support of HCR205**

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, Chair Wakai, and Vice Chair Chang,

[HCR205](#), is important to the community of Kihei/

Kihei (HD 11) has only 2 roads in and out (see Figure 1). It has been hit by 6 major floods causing significant damage and 3 ‘once in a century floods’ in the last 4 years. The current Kulanihako‘i bridge was meant to be a temporary structure, and is now outdated and exacerbating repeated flooding damage to businesses and homes. This is an urgent issue, as Kihei is suffering repeated floods on a regular basis.

I have included images of recent flood damage and flood events in South Maui from our last major flood, this year.

I hope that you will please consider passing resolution so we can urge for this bridge to be replaced. With my appreciation,

Dr. Joe Ritter, Resident of Kihei

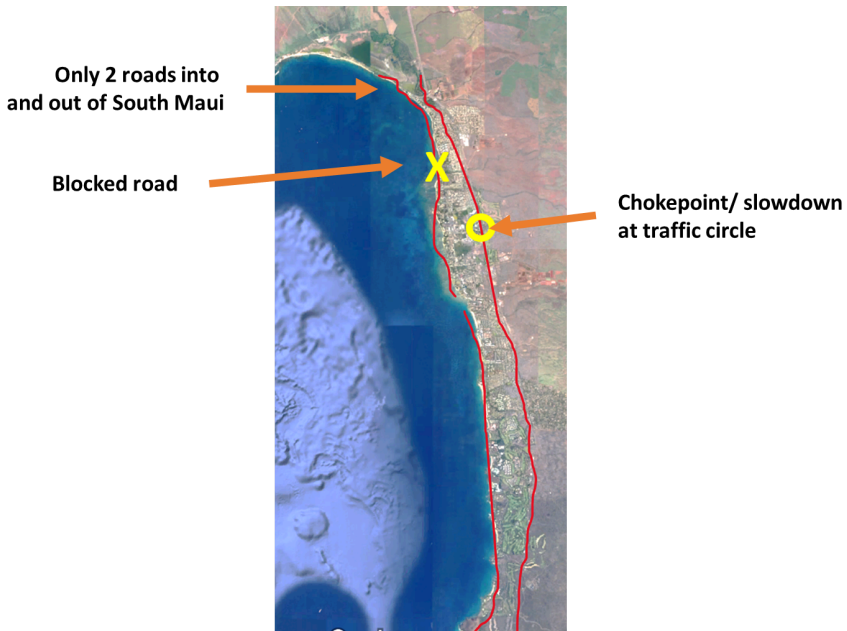


Figure 1: Map showing only 2 roads in or out of South Maui, shutdown recently for weeks due to flooding compounded by the old “temporary bridge”. This road will require major reconstruction and likely replacement / moving mauka.



Figures 2 and 3: South Kihei Road a main economic artery, impassable for weeks: One of only 2 ways to access South Maui the largest revenue generating area on Maui. (Photos from flood storm January 2025)



Figure 4: South Kihei Road, flood damage located by canoe club.



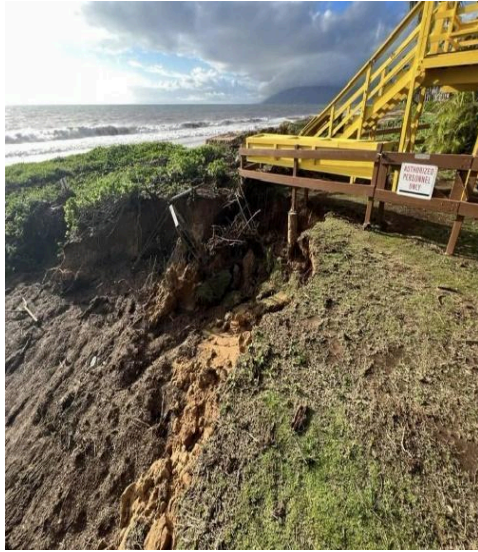
Figure 5: Main Traffic artery South Kihei Road 1/31, typical of many floods.



Figure 6: Housing damaged by 1/25 flood, likely this will be condemned.



Figures 7 and 8: Flooding of Kūlanihāko'i gulch, and cars floating down the road.



Figures 9, 10: Popular tourist beach, a key to Kihei Revenue.



Figure 11: Damage at Kihei Canoe Club



Figures 12,13: The effect of the 1/25 flood on local beach and TMK 3-9-001-012-0000. This historic David Malo Church property is owned by DLNR.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of my request to help South Maui, a primary revenue generator for the state.

Dr. Joe Ritter Resident 96753