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State Capitol, Room 423

**H.B. 1378**  
**RELATING TO HIGHWAYS**

House Committee on Transportation

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

The DOT is currently in the procurement phase to conduct a corridor study of the Nanakuli, Maili, Waianae, and Makaha corridor. The scope of the study is to assess and provide recommendations to provide a second access into and out of the area, reducing congestion, increasing capacity, and improving safety. The study will also consider the following modes of transportation: freight, vehicular, transit, bike and pedestrian modes.

The DOT recommends this corridor study be completed for the purpose to leverage federal funds for the proposed projects identified in the study. The corridor study is estimated to take two years to complete.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	Yes

Comments: We STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill. As a native Hawaiian Advocacy Corporation & homestead lessees, we have a major need for a safer secondary access road. Mahalo.

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Sara Perry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It's sad that a bill like this needs to be introduced year after year, by various Senators and Reps, to make a point, but then never get funded and passed. Our coast needs a secondary access road. Now, yesterday, a decade ago. It is overdue, and residents are suffering for the States lack of planning ahead. Please fund it, build it, and get it open with all haste. We pay our taxes, too, and no longer deserve to be the forgotten side of the island.

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From: Anna McNeil <anna96792@aol.com>  
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 3:07 PM  
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Subject: Westside testimony for HB1378

As a life time resident of Waianae born & raised there has been an extremely amount of people that resides on the westside. The roads we share is not safe like it once was. I work 2 jobs n pay taxes n I now have to leave 2 hours ahead of time to go to work in ewa beach what use to be a 30-35 min drive back in the 1980-1990's now can take me 2hrs or more if we have a accident or traffic lights failure or even high volume of cars leaving at the same time. It also affects me coming into the west side 1hr. 15mins to get home. Since the building of Kapolei Waianae has grown out of control. Developers keep building and is not considered the roads. If u build more homes then we need more roads. We've waited for so long please don't wait til more lives are taken to fix the problem. As a tax payer I stand by rep Cedric to pass the bill HB1378

Thank you  
Anna McNeil

Sent from my iPhone

Date and Place of Hearing: February 8, 2017, 9:00 a.m., Room #423

To: House Transportation Committee

Person testifying: Olivia M. Arana, Wai'anae resident  
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In Support of

**Bill HB1378**

**RELATING TO HIGHWAYS: Roadways; Waianae District; Secondary Access  
Routes; Appropriation (\$)**

Chairs & Committee Members:

I, **Olivia M. Arana**, support Bill HB1378 for the following reasons:

As one of the many Wai'anae residents who work in town (and has a son who attends high school in town), I have experienced this commute for 8 years now. When there are issues such a car accident, a car stall, pedestrian accidents, flooding, broken traffic lights and road work, we become trapped on Farrington Highway. With only one way in and one way out on Farrington Highway, having no emergency/secondary access road can cause us to be stranded in our cars for hours. In cases like this when traffic is at a standstill on Farrington, there is a domino effect in nearby Kapolei and H1 Campbell, with cars having to wait their turn to get into Nanakuli and beyond. It is pure ridiculousness.

Situations like these don't only cause us to be very emotionally frustrated, but mentally distraught as well. While we spend majority of our mornings and evenings in a long commute, it just kills us inside when we lose precious time with our families at home when we're stuck on the road. When episodes of horrible traffic take place, it is hard not to want to work closer to home and have my son go to a closer school, however, we shouldn't have to sacrifice where we want to work and study because of our insane traffic situation.

Please consider funding a secondary access route. We have been asking for this for years and always get the run-around. It's been hard not to think that politicians don't care about the people on the westside. Having this bill introduced is a light of hope for us.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

quinlan1 - Neil

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From: dfsseattl1953@gmail.com  
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 3:35 PM  
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Subject: House Bill HB1378

Please approve this bill. It would make life for us on  
The Waianae coast so much easier. Thank you for all your assistance.

Dale and Susan Sill

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
joseph simpliciano	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Senator shimabukuro and council member pines already received \$6 million dollars for the westside. This bill has no leg to stand on as there has been numerous studies done. Please look into this fraudulently because this just does not make any sense at all. In my mind I am aware of the emergency access road which the \$6 million was used or should have been used for. How is it that there are no more room to build roads or upgrade our current roads in Waianae. For example our street lights on farrington highway are out and has been out for over a year, our telephone and electric poles are still above ground, we have zero drainage systems or storm drains to keep all of our intersections along farrington highway free of pools not puddles of water. We have a million dollar bridge that stays locked up in nanakuli as well as the already built roads on hakimo road and into sea country that stays locked up. Kolekole pass has been fixed and why is it that no one is working to get that open to us as schofield is an open post as long as your vehicle is legal and current on its paperwork. This bill needs to get killed asap!!!\$10 million is ridiculous

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Ronelle Melekai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is critical, especially in emergency situations, that Waianae have a 2nd access road. My wife and I are Makaha residents and believe me it is hard enough to get in and out of Waianae in usual traffic. An accident or more serious disaster could leave us stranded for long periods of time. The existing road is so close to the ocean, if anything happens to it, how will we get in and out? The population is growing rapidly and this must be addressed as soon as possible!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dale A. Head	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill to relieve traffic on the Waianae coast.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
bonnie chermak	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: A secondary route is necessary for both quality of life and emergency safety purposes. Mahalo.

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From: Samuel K Kapoi <samkapoi@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 11:20 AM  
To: TRNtestimony  
Subject: SUPPORT House Bill HB1378

Aloha,

I'm a lifelong resident of Wai'anae, and this issue has been prolonged for way to long.  
Please support House Bill HB1378 and give the largest working force for O'ahu some relief with another access to Wai'anae. Mahalo for your time.

Me Ke Aloha 'Āina,  
Samuel K. Kapoi

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Natasha Boteilho	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a resident of Waianae, I ask that you join with Mr.Gates in support of HB1378. We need solutions and actions for the residents and tax payers of the Waianae Coast. We are tired.of old promises.we.need action now.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leilani Carrero	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Unless we become a self sustainable, self reliant community, Waianae residents rely on the only roadway available to them to access jobs, food, emergency care, and basically anything outside of our immediate family circles. It is unfair that we have had to deal with such deplorable conditions that are glaringly inadequate during times of emergency while the rest of the island enjoys liberal access to everything allowing them several ways in and out of their communities. The entire island population is growing and Waianae is no different, housing a majority of the islands homeless community and denying us appropriate access in and out is the same as isolating us. This is also reflected in the Rail that is supposed to alleviate traffic, yet it does not extend to Waianae, so it will not be alleviating ANY traffic for us. Please kōkua and do the right thing by the residents of Waianae and fix our infrastructure.

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Benjamin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Please Pass this bill. The future of Wai'anae depends on it. Mahalo Nui.

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Melinda Buck	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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February 7, 2017

**TO: Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair  
Representative Sean Quinlan, Vice Chair  
  
Committee on Transportation**



**RE: Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1378: Relating to Highways**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Gail Gomes

**Aloha Chair Aquino and Vice Chair Quinlan and Committee Members:**

My name is Gail Gomes and I am a forty plus year resident of the Wai'anae Coast. I am the editor of our local community newspaper, *Westside Stories*, however today I am submitting testimony as an individual.

I am requesting your support of **HB1378** to appropriate the funds to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for planning and procurement for construction of secondary access road or roads that will pass through the Westside of O'ahu (the moku of Wai'anae) and to serve as alternative routes to Farrington Highway for travel within, into, and out of the Westside. I would respectfully add that the bill be amended a bit from "*Waianae district*" means the leeward coast of Oahu from Nanakuli to Kaena point that is enclosed by the leeward slopes of the Waianae mountain range to **from Kapolei/Honokai Hale to Ka'ena Pt** as currently we are unable to access our Westside once we leave the Kapolei/Makakilo/Honokai Hale area.

For too long we have been "held hostage" by Farrington Highway. It doesn't seem to matter what day of the week it is, there is always traffic backed up for at least one half mile due to traffic lights. On weekdays, we now have a contra-flow lane from 3:30 to 6:30 pm to aid westbound drivers to get home (from traffic that backs up to Kapolei) but now eastbound drivers are forced into one lane and traffic backs up for at least a mile if not more taking a minimum of 45 minutes to an hour to leave the Westside. Many of the teachers at the various schools now have given up tutoring time or extra-curricular activities to avoid the traffic mess.

In case of a natural disaster (tsunami warning), Farrington Hwy is closed by Department of Emergency Management at Honokai Hale. I personally was stuck in the "giant parking lot" that was Farrington Hwy and had to turn around and go to Makakilo to wait out the warning. Not fun with 2 children in the car! We have had the same area closed due to flooding and school children who attend school off the Westside (Kamehameha Schools and other private schools) were stuck for hours on their school bus.

We have had hostage situations at Nānākuli Avenue and Farrington Hwy and no one could exit or enter the Westside until that situation was resolved (8 hours). We have had gas trucks catch on fire at St. Rita's Church (5 hours). Recently we had a water main break near St. Rita's Church and vehicular traffic had to be routed through Kalaniana'ole Beach Park. City busses and large trucks were stuck and couldn't access our area with necessary food and gasoline supplies.



The there were the two hurricanes, Iwa and Iniki which shut Farrington down totally for up to two weeks. Emergency services were able to open only one lane and we had staggered times we could enter/leave the coast.

Sad to say, road rage does occur and that often leads to accidents. At least once a week, Farrington is closed for accidents and while HPD investigates the scenes, drivers are forced to wait in their cars.

In addition, our emergency vehicles are forced to sit in traffic while trying to either get to the scene of an accident or transport an injured person to a trauma center after being stabilized at our Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. During peak traffic times, this is impossible.

I am urging everyone on this committee to **please support HB 1378** to appropriate the funds to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for planning and procurement for construction of secondary access, a necessary and vital source for our Westside community.

Mahalo,  
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