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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1485

February 9, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Room 423 and Videoconference

RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

House Bill No. 1485 requires the Department of Transportation to amend the adopt-a-highway program to reduce the minimum number of years a program participant must agree to clean up litter on a highway from two years to one year. The bill also appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds in FY 23 to establish an anti-litter campaign.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and

- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2022 12:02:14 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dustin Swan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Any efforts to reduce the rubbish along the highways should be supported.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2022 4:15:55 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Daniel Levy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support

HB 1485

I am writing in support of HB 1485 that would reduce the minimum years that program participants must commit to litter clean-up from two years to one year.

In order to reach the many beautiful sights on our islands, most people will travel by car over highways and local thoroughfares. The anticipation of enjoying the beauty of Hawaiian sights is marred by seeing litter strewn along the side of the roads. I have participated as a volunteer to clean up litter on Highway 130 on the Big Island near one of the local Transfer Stations. It has been a very rewarding experience to join with other folks from the area to do this simple act of civic pride. The cars that stream by while we are busy bagging the litter constantly honk in approval which clearly indicates that most citizens would rather see clean roadways.

To have a meaningful impact on litter abatement, we must encourage organizations to make a regular commitment to clean specific roads. We need many more organizations than currently participate. Reducing the amount of time that an organization must commit to litter pick-up from two years to one year would encourage more groups to take on this responsibility.

Let's encourage visitors to our islands to honor the land they are visiting by setting an example. HB 1485 is a positive step to achieve this worthwhile goal. Thank you for your consideration.

Barbara Cigainero

Keaau, HI 96749

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Submitted on: 2/7/2022 6:49:57 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Tiffany Edwards Hunt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am 100% supportive of this measure and any measure introduced by our Puna legislators to help us try and get an alternative route established in Lower Puna. This Puna Makai Alternative Route has been discussed for years, and very little has been actually been done to make this happen. Meanwhile, Puna just continues to grow and get more congested. We officially have one road into and out of Lower Puna and the travel time between my home in Hawaiian Paradise Park and Kea`au where I work has gotten RIDICULOUS. So many people are commuting from Puna to Hilo that what used to be a 15-minute drive for me can sometimes take double or triple the time, depending upon the time we leave our home in the morning. We have got to get something in the works, knowing that Puna is one of the last affordable places to live in the islands and more and more people are choosing Puna from other islands and the U.S. continent. We just quite simply have got to be thinking ahead. Please do not allow yourselves to be pressured by Shipman Estate or DHHL that's going to try and poo poo any of us Puna people traversing their lands. You must go John Stuart Mill on this one and think about the greater good here. We really need you to think about how Puna is about the size of Oahu and we are dominated by private subdivisions with substandard roads. Every single one of those people living in all those private subdivisions in Lower Puna are coming out onto Highway 130. I sincerely dread the thought of having a medical emergency and being in an ambulance, hoping the ambulance can get through all that congestion to get me in to Hilo to the hospital. It's a nightmare scenario. We have got to hit this one head on, and stop leaving yesterday's problems for tomorrow. I swear, if we would have started working on this five or even 10 years ago, we would be driving on that route by now. If any one of you question whether or not a PMAR is needed, please join us on our morning commute to Kea`au and maybe even just keep on driving down the road and see the stop-and-go traffic on the Panaewa stretch, just after Highway 130 meets up with Highway 11. Please think long term when you are making your decisions. Don't allow Goliath try and persuade you that this is not a good idea. We the people need you to see us little people out here in Puna, trying to get to work, only to be in misery, stop-and-go traffic, not seeing any hope of another route, another option. Please remember that this is the same area that got completely worked over by the Kilauea lava flow in 2018. If you cannot imagine yourself in the ambulance, imagine trying to flee a community that is being inundated by lava or a tsunami. With one way in and one way out? Please help us. Thanks so much for your consideration of my testimony. I'm willing to jump on a video call to drive my points home. I'm willing to drive legislators around Puna, whatever it takes to convince you that the PMAR is a critical need for lower Puna. I beg of you to make this a priority like Greggor Ilagan has. Please, please, please. There is a long road ahead of us, even after this bill. Please just get us going with a look at what would be the most viable route. I sincerely beg of you, for our

children's sake. Our children will be the ones who will be driving on this road envisioned. We all know how long this stuff takes. Please think long term. Hopefully you understand how important I think this matter is. My number is (808) 938-8592. Call or text me anytime. Aloha, Tiffany Edwards Hunt, Hawaiian Paradise Park, HI

Testimony in support of HB1485

I am in total support of HB1485 which changes a group's commitment to pick up litter from two years to one. In these uncertain times, it's hard to commit to anything for more than a year. The more groups picking up trash on the highways, the better off we all are.

Renee Rabb

Keaau, HI 96749

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Submitted on: 2/7/2022 7:47:11 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Julia Lindbergh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

i am in favor of HB 1485 developed by Representative Greggor Ilagan.

Thank you

Julia Lindbergh

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Submitted on: 2/8/2022 7:59:50 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Allen Bartolome	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill

ilagan2 - Nicole

From: Rep. Greggor Ilagan
Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 10:57 AM
To: ilagan2 - Nicole
Subject: FW: Urgent: Testimony Needed Today

From: jim lee <jimleew@gmail.com>
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Subject: Re: Urgent: Testimony Needed Today

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Greggor:

Hope my testimonies will satisfied the needs of government interests.

Best wishes my friend,
Jim

Ps: Keep up the good job!

On Tue, Feb 8, 2022, 9:33 AM jim lee <jimleew@gmail.com> wrote:

HB 1411 Transferring:

Absolutely necessary requirement for vehicle ownership to fill out the proper ownership document of Sale or Transfer. There are many many Banned vehicle along the Hwy and in bushes & forest hidden. Patrol Police Officials can quickly access the owner's info and have it Tow Away under his or her expense. I think this a MUST do procedure if not tons of banned vehicles will be All over the place making our neighbor looking like a Homeless Shelter. They can make a home in Van, SUV, Station Wagon n live comfortably with Free Rent.

On Tue, Feb 8, 2022, 9:23 AM jim lee <jimleew@gmail.com> wrote:

HB 1485 Highway Litter:

Is not acceptable to all drivers. Trash on Hwy 130 or anywhere is unsafe, unsanitary and not an acceptable public behavior. All parents should make this a clear demanding statement to all their kids. DOT should create Large Green HWY Sign posted warning drivers that Littering is Unlawful and Unsafe. "A Large Fine is Unforced".

On Tue, Feb 8, 2022, 9:15 AM jim lee <jimleew@gmail.com> wrote:

HB 1403 Testimony:

In my opinion an alternative route in case of any emergency is essential for public safety n convenience to Hilo. Currently for example, if HPP have a forest fire many residents will died due to the traffic congestion that will occur. Railroad Road was suggested many years ago and I think it's probable the best road leading to town.

ilagan2 - Nicole

From: Rep. Greggor Ilagan
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Good Morning Greggor,

Yes, I agree to the proposals of HB1403, HB1485, HB1411. Highway 130 is in great need of an alternate route and a better system to keep litter off of the highway. And, I believe that those signatures will help make transferring of ownership of vehicles transactions move forward smoothly.

Bernice K. Walker

On Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 11:40 AM Greggor Ilagan <aloha@repilagan.com> wrote:



February 7, 2022

Aloha Bernice,

We need your testimony for HB1403, HB1485, HB1411, now. Please submit it by 10:00AM, Tuesday, February 8, 2022, however, Late testimony will be accepted until committee votes.

Transportation Committee on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 10:00AM: Urgent your testimony is needed. On-Time Testimony due by 10:00am February 8, 2022

- **HB1403:** Relating to an Alternate Route Site Selection Survey in Puna:
Requires the Department of Transportation, in collaboration with the county of Hawaii, to conduct site surveys on the island of Hawaii to identify the most suitable location for an alternate route in Puna below Highway 130. Appropriates funds.
- **HB1485:** Relating To Litter Control:
Requires the Department of Transportation to amend the Adopt-a-Highway program to reduce the minimum number of years a program participant must agree to clean up litter on a highway

HB-1485

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 2:11:27 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/9/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Cyd L. Hoffeld	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

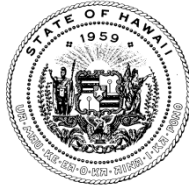
I **support HB1485** that reduces the numbers of years a group has to commit to participating in the adopt-a-highway program. By shortening the years from two to one, we open the door to more organizations and community members to take on the kuleana of keeping their streets and roads clean without locking them into an unrealistic timeline. It also allows new groups to participate with a shorter term commitment that may turn into a longer one.

Please **support HB1485**.

Thank you,

Cyd

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February 9, 2022
10:00 A.M.
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**H.B. 1485
RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL**

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill that proposes to reduce the minimum number of years a program participant must agree to clean up litter on a highway from two years to one year. This change can be done administratively so the bill is unnecessary.

We have not adjusted the time frame commitment as the effort to provide safety equipment, safety training, and associated signage is significant. However, we will make the adjustments to increase participation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.