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The Honorable Representative Chris Todd, Chair
House Committee on Transportation
The Thirty-Second Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Representative Todd and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: HCR161/HR162

The Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities **supports HCR161/HR162**, which urges the Department of Transportation and the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu to construct elevated crosswalks along Meheula Parkway near Mililani High School.

Establishing safer and more visible pedestrian routes not only benefits students but other members of the community who use ground transportation, including those with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities. Safe and accessible walkways allow those with I/DD to have more freedom of travel and promote independence. Safe routes also allow better integration and interaction between those with I/DD and members of the community. Instituting raised crosswalks should significantly increase safety of access for all.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **in support of HCR161/HR162**.

Sincerely,

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Executive Administrator