STAND. COM. REP. NO. 995

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 0 2 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1677

S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1677 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC CONTROL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enhance traffic flow on the island of Maui by appropriating funds for the design of a Maui traffic control center.

Maui Land and Pineapple Company submitted comments in support of this measure. The Department of Transportation submitted comments in opposition to this measure.

Your Committee finds that traffic is routinely backlogged across Maui during morning and afternoon rush hours as a result of roadway maintenance, traffic accidents, or special events. A traffic control center on Maui would inform drivers about the roads, intersections, and possible delays along their route. This would improve traffic, reduce traffic congestion, maximize traffic flow, and enhance public safety.

Your Committee finds that an intelligent transportation system applies communications and information technology to provide solutions to traffic congestion and traffic control issues. A successful intelligent transportation system contains a traffic control center as a key component of the system.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Clarifying that the appropriation is for the development and implementation of an intelligent transportation system architectural plan on Maui, that includes a traffic control center; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1677, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1677, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

ROSALYN H. DAKER, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 677	Committee Referral:		Dat	te: 2/24	107
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)					
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)					
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne		/	-		
ENGLISH, J. Kalani					
FUKUNAGA, Carol					
HOOSER, Gary L.					
KIM, Donna Mercado					
MENOR, Ron					
TOKUDA, Jill N.					
HEMMINGS, Fred					4
WHALEN, Paul					
TOTAL		10	0	0	1
Recommendation: Adopted		Not Adopted			
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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