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March 27, 2009

The Honorable Ken Ito, Chair and Members of the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources State House of Representatives State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ito and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 715, HD1 Relating to Transportation

The Department of Transportation Services supports Senate Bill No. 715, HD1 that requires the Statewide Transportation Council to comply with the county transportation and general plans.

The department believes that the bill would ensure close coordination and cooperation between the State and county in formulating the State Department of Transportation's Statewide Transportation Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

Wayne Y. Yoshioka

Director

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March 30, 2009

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The Honorable Ken Ito, Chair and Members of the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources State House of Representatives State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ito and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 715, HD1
Relating to Transportation

The Department of Planning and Permitting **supports** Senate Bill 715, HD1, which requires the Statewide Transportation Council to comply with relevant county plans as it prepares the statewide transportation plan.

While the City and County of Honolulu has the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) to serve as the conduit for coordinated state transportation planning and county land use planning, we believe the addition of this requirement is appropriate under Chapter 279A-2, HRS.

Please adopt Senate Bill 715, HD1.

Sincerely yours,

David K. Tanoue, Director

Department of Planning and Permitting

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March 28, 2009

TO:

Honorable Ken Ito, Chair

House Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resource

FROM:

Danny A. Mateo

Council Chair

SUBJECT:

HEARING OF MARCH 30, 2009/TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 715, HD1,

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to require the Statewide Transportation Council to comply with county transportation and general plans, to the extent it does not impact Federal funds, in the preparation of the statewide transportation plan for projected transportation needs for a six-year period.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

- 1. Requiring the State transportation plan to comply with county transportation and general plans will ensure consistency between the plans. It will also eliminate the potential for conflict with county plans when the State transportation plan is implemented.
- 2. The measure will ensure that the transportation needs of Maui County residents will be addressed in the State transportation plan.
- Providing consistency between the State transportation plan and county plans will allow for more effective transportation systems that will better meet the transportation needs of Maui County residents.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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March 28, 2009

The Honorable Ken Ito, Chair House Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources State Capitol, Room 420 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: S.B. 715, H.D.1 Relating to Transportation

HEARING DATE: Monday, March 30, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., Room 325

Aloha Chair Ito and Members of the Committee:

I am Myoung Oh, here to testify on behalf of the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS® (HAR) and its 9,600 members. HAR supports S.B. 715, H.D.1, which requires the State Transportation Council to comply with county transportation and general plans.

HAR believes this bill improves coordination between state and county plans, which is critical to ensure that the various counties and the state are planned, funded, and coordinated in a timely and efficient basis.

HAR looks forward to working with our state lawmakers in building better communities by supporting quality growth, seeking sustainable economies and housing opportunities, embracing the cultural and environmental qualities we cherish, and protecting the rights of property owners.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.