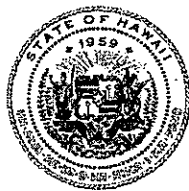


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February 24, 2012

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2684, H.D. 1  
RELATING TO THE ZIPPER LANE**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports HB 2684, HD1 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Submitted on: 2/23/2012

### Comments:

Aloha Kakou, my name is Kimo Kelii and I am a community leaders that represent numerous boards, organizations and associations in the Nanakuli-Mailii communities. I have been a long-time advocate of requesting that a bill just like HB 2684 HD1 be introduced and legislated which Senator Colleen Hanabusa and her staff were developing for our community residents. However, in her pursuit of the Congressional seat vacated by Congressman N. Abercrombie, Hanabusa did not complete that particular task which has now be introduced by our House Representative from District #45 Jo Jordan. This bill's intent is to secure funds for a feasibility study to be conducted in hopes of gaining a favorable report with pursuing the extension of the zipper lane to Honolulu starting at the Kunia/Waipahu intersection and from Honolulu ending at the same location as well. This very important and critical opportunity via HB 2684 HD1 should significantly minimize and decrease the travel time on the freeway for our workers, private school students, college students, and commuters returning home to the Waianae Coast. Which means that the less time on the road for our drivers of the Waianae Coast, the more quality time can be spent with the family -- especially with the children who need parent and guardian support or assistance with their school work or homework assignments. Please approve the funding of HB 2684! Mahalo Nui Loa.

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### Comments:

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair, Committee on Finance Representative Marilyn B. Lee,  
Vice Chair, Committee on Finance  
and Committee Members

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 2684 HD 1 RELATING TO THE ZIPPER LANE AND URGE YOU TO PASS THIS MEASURE WITH APPROPRIATIONS

Aloha kakou,

I continue to support HB 2684 HD 1 as the zipper lane feasibility study is a necessary step in remediating eastbound traffic from West Oahu. I am confident that the findings will confirm the need for the zipper lane's westward extension from Waipahu towards Kapolei. This extension will allow for a smoother traffic flow and help to alleviate traffic from Central and Leeward Oahu too.

Although the Department of Transportation has an additional year to complete the feasibility study report, I hope they are able to accomplish it earlier as this traffic remedy is long overdue.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify on HB 2684 HD 1. I ask you to pass this measure out of your committee and support its passage on the House floor.

Me ka ha'aha'a,  
Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai

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Submitted on: 2/23/2012

### Comments:

Aloha Chair Oshiro and members of the House Committee on Finance:

As a member of the Wai`anae community who frequently hears and sometimes experiences the miasma of traffic congestion on the H-1 freeway I strongly support this measure to study extending the "zipper lane" farther westward to allow vehicular traffic coming from Makakilo and beyond to enter a controlled lane prior to needing to go through the current initial congestion on the H-1 prior to the first allowable entry point into the "zipper lane".

This simple change would affect many car poolers who come from the "Westside" by allowing them the benefit of accessing a quicker route into Honolulu proper and reduce the amount of time those cars would be on the road thereby further causing savings in petroleum costs, one of the easier targets of fossil fuel reduction and savings.

Thank you for caring for the citizens of the "Westside" of O`ahu and the long-term benefits to the State as a whole.

Mahalo,

Cynthia K.L. Rezendes  
Wai`anae resident