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H.B. 2563 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of this bill. However, we feel this bill is unnecessary because previous studies conducted have determined that the alignment is not feasible. The bill proposes a feasibility study for an alternative access road to be built mauka of Farrington Highway. Costs for several alignments studied ranged from \$100 to \$500 million not including the costs attributable to acquisition of property and mitigation of environmental impacts.

Should a feasibility study be pursued the DOT recommends that it be by the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization since they are also responsible for the development of these types of transportation study plans as part of the transportation planning process, and that this study will include both State and City roads.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Committee Chair NMNB#36

Good morning chair and panel mahaio for the opportunity to speak.

I am here today because a second road into the Leeward Coast is a very important concern in our community. We are one of the few communities that have only one way in and only one way out. There have been studies, plans, even monies in the past on this issue but somehow it has not been completed. There has been documents going back 20 yrs. Yet nothing has been done. Had there been monies allocated for those projects where are they and are they still available?

There will be more growth on the Coast in the coming months as well as in the Kapolei area and in Makakilo. It is important for us to seek alternative routes sooner than later. We ask that you include us in any/all plans, discussions, changes that may occur on this project. We on the Leeward Coast totally support this and other measures that will assist us with getting a second road into our community.

Again mahalo for allowing me to speak.

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