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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
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February 11, 2013  
10:00 am  
State Capitol, Room 309

**H.B. 736**  
**RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **opposes** House Bill 736.

According to the DOT's Statewide Bicycle Plan (Plan) and its priority list of bicycle projects, Statewide, this area of Kahekili Highway is categorized as a Priority III. Based on the Plan's criteria and evaluation process, Priority III are facilities desired for construction beyond 20 years.

Furthermore, the DOT is currently re-evaluating the validity of the 1990 Final Environmental Impact Statement at the Kahekili and Likelike Highways Interchange, and along the Kahekili Highway corridor from Haiku Road to the Kamehameha Highway intersection. The DOT will be considering accommodations for all modes of transportation that includes a multi-use path along Kahekili Highway from the Haiku Road intersection to Kamehameha Highway near the Hygienic Store.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the construction of  
2 a shared-use (bicycle and pedestrian) pathway along Kahekili  
3 highway between East Hui Iwa street and Waihee road would  
4 improve the quality of life of Kahaluu residents by helping to  
5 promote healthy lifestyles and providing safe, environmentally  
6 friendly, non-motor vehicle travel options for residents to  
7 commute to nearby parks, schools, and convenience stores.

8           SECTION 2. (a) The department of transportation shall  
9 plan, design, and construct a shared-use pathway along the mauka  
10 side of Kahekili highway stretching between East Hui Iwa street  
11 and Waihee road that allows for two-directional bicycle and  
12 pedestrian traffic. The department's plan shall include at  
13 least the following:

- 14           (1) A description of the geographic area affected by the  
15                planned construction;
- 16           (2) Estimated total cost of the project;
- 17           (3) Estimated timeline of the project; and



1           (4) Any other relevant items deemed appropriate or  
2                    necessary by the director of transportation.

3           (b) The department of transportation shall begin  
4 construction of the shared-use pathway no later than .

5           (c) The director of transportation shall report annually  
6 on the progress of the construction project, including findings,  
7 recommendations, and any necessary proposed legislation, to the  
8 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
9 the regular session of 2014 and each regular session thereafter  
10 until completion of the project.

11           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,500,000 or so much  
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the  
14 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
15 2014-2015 for plans, design, and construction of a shared-use  
16 pathway along the mauka side of Kahekili highway stretching  
17 between East Hui Iwa street and Waihee road that allows for two-  
18 directional bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

19           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
20 of transportation for the purposes of this Act.

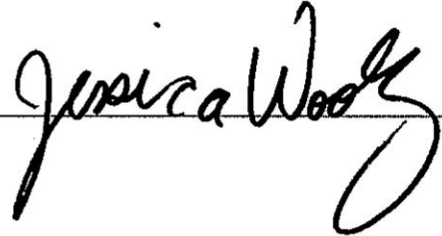


# H.B. NO. 736

1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
2 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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# H.B. NO. 736

**Report Title:**

Kahekili Highway; Shared-use Pathway; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Transportation to plan, design, and construct a shared-use pathway along the mauka side of Kahekili Highway. Requires start of construction no later than .  
Appropriates \$1,500,000. Effective July 1, 2013.

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KAHALUU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 29

*(He'eia Kea, 'Ahuimanu, Kahalu'u, Waihe'e, Ka'alaea, Waiahole, Waikane, Hakipu'u, Kualoa*

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

TESTIMONY RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 736  
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

February 11, 2013, 10:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 309

Good morning Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Ichiyama and members of the Committee:

My name is David Henkin, and I am the Chair of the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29. I submit this testimony on behalf of the Board in strong support of House Bill 736, which would require the State Department of Transportation to plan, design and construct a shared-use (i.e., pedestrian and bicycle path) along Kahekili Highway in Kahalu'u.

This bill is vital to provide safe transportation alternatives for all members of our community. With this shared-use path our keiki could get safely to school – with the path serving both 'Ahuimanu and Kahalu'u Elementary Schools – and to sports and other activities at our community parks and sports fields. The path would allow kupuna and keiki alike to get safely to our shopping center, promoting our local businesses. In general, by providing transportation alternatives to travel by car, the path would reduce our often severe traffic and promote healthy lifestyles.

We have a unique opportunity to provide these community benefits both cheaply and quickly since the Department of Transportation already owns a 120-foot wide right-of-way along Kahekili Highway. The Department has confirmed that the right-of-way is wide enough to accommodate both the shared-use path and any possible highway widening envisioned for the future. As the attached photographs show, most of the land on the mauka side of Kahekili Highway is already graded flat and grassed. All that is needed is for the path to be planned and installed.

The attached resolutions, which the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board adopted unanimously, reflect that building a shared-use path has strong support. A poll recently conducted by the Department of Transportation confirmed that the overwhelming majority of the residents of the area extending from Kane'ohe to Kahana favor building a shared-use path in Kahalu'u. The path would thus be a regional resource, improving the quality of life for much of the Windward side.

We note that HB 736 does not currently specify a date by which the Department of Transportation should begin construction of the shared-use path. We respectfully submit that, since the Department already owns the right-of-way and most of the route is already graded flat – one year from the bill's effective date – July 1, 2014 – should be more than adequate to start construction.

We respectfully urge you to pass HB 736. Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony.



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### **HB736**

Submitted on: 2/8/2013

Testimony for TRN on Feb 11, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room 309

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Amy Luersen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This will promote safe walking and biking throughout our community . it will connect schools, parks and residential areas. Please support this important pathway that will add transportation options for our community. Thank you

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Goody	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee Members: Please support and pass this measure. This is a badly needed bike way for people traveling along Kahekili Highway, which is high speed and on which there have been several deadly incidents to pedestrians and cyclists. This is a high use residential area, and the bikeway would connect to neighborhood commercial centers on either side; ideal walking/ biking distance. DOT will not build this unless you compel them to do so. Please help. Thank you.  
John Goody

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