

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1700

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 27 2015

RE: H.C.R. No. 29

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred
H.C.R. No. 29 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO DETERMINE THE COST OF
PLACING AN OVERPASS OVER THE H-1 FREEWAY TO EXTEND BETWEEN
NUUANU STREAM AND QUEEN EMMA STREET THAT WOULD REDUCE TRAFFIC
NOISE POLLUTION AND BE USED AS A PARK OR OTHER COMMUNITY USE
PURPOSE, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address noise
pollution emanating from the H-1 freeway and the lack of parks in
the downtown area of Honolulu.

More specifically, this measure requests the Department of
Accounting and General Services, in consultation with the
Department of Transportation, to determine the cost of placing an
overpass over the H-1 freeway, to extend from Nuuanu Stream to
Queen Emma Street, that would reduce traffic noise pollution and
provide space that could be used as a community park or other
community resource.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from the Department of Transportation. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Department of
Accounting and General Services.



Your Committee finds that the H-1 freeway is the most utilized freeway in the State and that, during all hours of each day, many residents who live near the H-1 freeway are subjected to excessive traffic noise pollution emanating from passing cars. Your Committee also finds that constructing an overpass with sufficient structural capacity to support open green space, such as a park, would provide a dual benefit of reducing traffic noise pollution from the H-1 freeway and creating additional park space in the downtown area of Honolulu.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 29, and recommends its adoption.

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



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 29	Committee Referral: WAM	Date: 4/23/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)				/
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				/
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				/
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	8			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>J. Kalani English</i>				
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