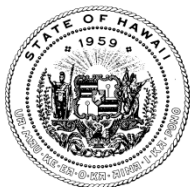


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The Department of Transportation (DOT) understands the challenges and hardships faced by the Puna community and offers **comments** related to these resolutions.

It is important to emphasize that without federal support and approvals, the DOT cannot proceed with these projects. In addition, without the State of Hawaii support for a general obligation bond, it is difficult to move forward with the merits of these resolutions which seek a feasibility study.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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