



Date: April 20, 2016

To: The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair
The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Trish La Chica, Policy and Advocacy Director, Hawai'i Public Health Institute

Re: **Support for HCR 169**

Hrg: April 21, 2016, 9:00am, Capitol 211

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in **SUPPORT** of HCR 169, requesting the Department of Transportation to begin construction of the Leeward Bikeway in 2016.

The Hawaii Public Health Institute (HIPHI) supports and promotes policy efforts to create a healthy Hawaii. As a hub for health, HIPHI serves as a convener amongst community leaders to promote and advance collaboration and innovation in public health and work towards making Hawaii the healthiest place on earth.

Bikeways are a valuable component of Complete Streets that improves a community's quality of life.

Improving conditions for bicycling and walking in Hawai'i is vital for our health. HIPHI supports the Complete Streets law (Bill 26) passed by the Honolulu City Council in 2012. Because of Complete Streets, our youth and elderly are able to safely cross the street, get around without a car, go for a walk, spend time outdoors, walk to schools and food markets, and enjoy public spaces and parks. Complete Streets can benefit all communities by accommodating everyone in the public that use multiple forms of transportation, improve safety, promoting better health, creating stronger economies, providing more choices, and helping out the environment.ⁱ

Hawai'i is ranked as the most dangerous State for Pedestrians ages 65 and olderⁱⁱ.

According to a report in 2014, Hawai'i was ranked first in pedestrian deaths among residents ages 65+. Our kupuna population are the most vulnerable to motor vehicle – pedestrian crashes compromising 47% of the total victims and dramatically increased fatality rates across the oldest age groups.ⁱⁱⁱ Among these, 80% of the individuals that were hit were in the 65+ group occurred on O'ahu.

HCR 169 would not only reduce pedestrian and cycling fatalities and injuries but also allow hundreds of people to bike or walk for some of their short trips and thus obtain daily healthful exercise. More walking and cycling would yield further public health benefits by reducing the use of automobiles, thus diminishing air and noise pollution and the overall level of traffic danger.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trish", is written below the word "Respectfully,".



Trish La Chica, MPA
Policy and Advocacy Director

ⁱ Atherton, E. & Osborne, B. (2016). Driving Public Health with Transportation. [Powerpoint Slides]

ⁱⁱ Smart Growth America (2014). Dangerous by Design – Hawai'i. Retrieved from:

<http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/research/dangerous-by-design/dbd2014/state/Hawaii/>

ⁱⁱⁱ Hawai'i State Department of Health (HSDOH) Injury Prevention and Control Section. (2012). Injuries in Hawai'i: 2007 – 2011. Retrieved from: <http://health.hawaii.gov/injuryprevention/files/2013/10/Databook-FINAL-Sept-20121.pdf>

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Submitted on: 4/20/2016

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessica Dunn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: FULLY Support bike infrastructure: More people would ride their bike/commute with Leeward bike lanes. Protected bike paths are desperately needed in Oahu

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kari Benes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for allowing this resolution to continue. If implemented and completed, this piece of infrastructure would be a great alternative to connecting leeward communities. Mahalo, Kari Benes

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kellen Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Please support this measure! A Leeward Bike path will provide the opportunity for a healthier community on the west side as well as promote the local economy for small businesses along the route. It may even take a few cars off the road too! Mahalo for supporting this.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lawrence J Holbrook	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Representatives: In my last testimony in support of HCR169, I told you how much a Leeward Bike Path would mean to me. It would open up a safe bicycling route between Waipahu and Fort Weaver Road. I would be more likely to take more recreational trips in that direction. But, I would also like to say a word for our visiting cycling friends from Japan, Australia and many other parts of the world. When they come here for the Metric Century and Century Rides, they find out how beautiful the weather is for taking a long bike ride to the far corners of this paradise island in the middle of the Pacific. Having the Leeward Bike Path open to them would help spread the word that Honolulu is a bicycle friendly city. They can come here any time of the year and be assured that they can travel any direction and any distance they want. They should be able to travel safely, too. The Leeward Bike Path would help Hawaii be a bicycle friendly travel destination. Please pass HCR169. Thank you.

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Sharman Meehan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: As I am sure you know, the history of the Leeward Bikeway indicates that action on it is long overdue. Completion of the Leeward Bikeway project will provide safer cycling, enable people to save on transportation costs, and will help to ease traffic on the roadways. There will also be benefits to the environment. If construction gets underway soon, the Bikeway will be available to provide non-motorized access to the soon to be realized rail system. Many cyclists, including myself, have benefitted greatly from the King Street bicycle lanes and feel that fellow cyclists on Oahu and in the rest of the state should enjoy similar benefits. I strongly support HR119 and HCR169 requesting that the DOT begin construction on the Leeward Bikeway in 2016. Sharman Meehan

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Anita Schorlemmer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The construction of the Leeward bike path will be very valuable to the public. It will provide commuters an alternative route to go to work and school other than the freeway, hence relieving traffic while promoting a healthy lifestyle. Further, the construction of the bike path will encourage leisure biking, jogging, walking and make current shady areas safer. Personally, I am very much looking forward to long bike rides with friends and family on this new path.

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