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Bob Pure	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I was the president of Lahaina Bypass Now, a grass roots community group instrumental in making the Lahaina Bypass a reality.....currently the road is under utilized as most people still don't know it exists and the DOT signs are inadequate.....this measure will be important in getting motorists, both local and visitors, to realize that the Bypass will bypass all 5 streets and all 5 traffic lights in Lahaina Town and make their trip easier and faster

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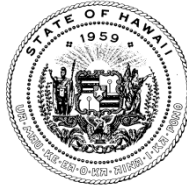
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Joseph D Pluta	WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC.	Support	No

Comments: On behalf of the Board of Directors of the West Maui Taxpayers Association Inc., (WMTA), we strongly support this resolution with better utilization of the existing portions of the Lahaina By Pass. The WMTA has had the Lahaina By Pass as one of it's top priorities for the past 35 years. Please pass this resolution without delay. Malama Pono ame Mahalo. Joseph D Pluta, President Emeritus, V.P.-Treasurer, WMTA ph: (808) 661-7990

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**H.C.R. 92 / H.R. 53**  
**URGING THE VISITOR INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND THE VEHICLE**  
**GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM INDUSTRY TO ENCOURAGE USE OF THE**  
**LAHAINA BYPASS.**

House Committee on Tourism

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of these resolutions that urges the Visitor Industry, Government Agencies, and the Vehicle Global Positioning System Industry to encourage use of the Lahaina Bypass Road.

These resolutions will make residents and visitors more aware of Lahaina Bypass Road as well as alleviate traffic congestion in this busy area of West Maui. It will also alleviate wear and tear on the existing roads in the much traveled Lahaina area.

Overall, it will save in travel time, fuel consumption and make for a less stressful travel experience for all.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these resolutions.

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