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S.C.R. 41 / S.R. 19
URGING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF
HONOLULU TO LANDSCAPE HAWAII'S PUBLIC HIGHWAYS AND ROADS BY
PLANTING MORE TREES

Senate Committee(s) on Transportation and Energy Committee
& Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) appreciates the intent of this resolution and offers the following concerns:

Planting of trees within the State DOT's jurisdiction should be considered on a case-by-case basis depending on factors such as maintenance requirements, location, and durability.

Maintenance Requirements – It takes a full work day to prune a single large canopy shade tree. Tree pruning is done during the daylight hours and requires lane closures. The work will require additional funding and additional maintenance personnel.

Location - Locating trees is possible where there is available land beyond the required setback distance. The DOT has adopted the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) criteria such that for trees with trunk diameters of 4 inches or greater, they are considered an obstruction, and should not be located in vehicular recovery zones.

Tree locations also require minimum clearances from existing underground and overhead utility lines, highway signage, and highway pavement structures where tree roots can cause damage to these facilities.

Durability - Trees are healthy when they are watered regularly. If there is insufficient rainfall or no irrigation system, trees will slowly succumb to pest infestation or disease, and eventually need to be removed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**Testimony of
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**Before the Senate Committees on
Transportation and Energy
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**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 41
SENATE RESOLUTION 19
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TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO LANDSCAPE
HAWAII'S PUBLIC HIGHWAYS AND ROADS BY PLANTING MORE TREES.**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 41 and Senate Resolution 19 are urging the State Department of Transportation and the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu to landscape Hawaii's public highways and roads by planting more trees. **Aha Moku supports these resolutions with the following amendments to be inserted after the 14th WHEREAS, to read:**

WHEREAS, it is well-known that tourists who visit Hawaii want to see the "real" Hawaii which includes indigenous Native trees and plants; and,

WHEREAS, landscaping with indigenous trees and plants can enhance the knowledge of visitors and residents on their many uses as they were often used by native Hawaiians for medicine, shelter, and subsistence and as nourishment for indigenous animals and birds.

We ask that amendments to the last "WHEREAS" clause, and the first "BE IT RESOLVED" clause (Language to be deleted is bracketed and ~~stricken~~) (Language to be inserted is **in bold and underlined**), be amended to read:

"WHEREAS, the reputation of Hawaii as a paradise is vital to the Native Hawaiian culture, the State's tourism industry, ~~(and in turn)~~ **and the** State's economy; now,"

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eight Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the House of Representatives concurring, that the State Department of Transportation and the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu are urged to landscape Hawaii's public highways and roads by planting more trees **which are indigenous and/or endemic to Hawaii.**"

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.

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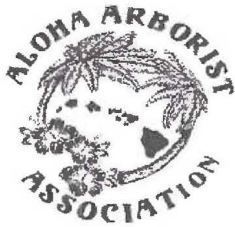
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Comments: While the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) headed up the Age-Friendly Cities (AFC) initiative for the City and County of Honolulu and supported a recommendation for more on-street trees offering shade and reduced temperatures to our residents and aging population, the location and type of trees planted on City streets comes under the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) in the City and County of Honolulu. We have alerted DPR to this bill and suggest the bill be amended to reflect DPR versus DTS. Respectfully, Michael D. Formby Director, DTS

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 41
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY

The Aloha Arborist Association (AAA) supports SCR 41 urging the State Department of Transportation and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services to landscape Hawaii's public highways and roads by planting more trees.

We need to improve the landscaping of our highways and roads by planting more trees and palms, particularly attractive, non-invasive species with a preference for native trees appropriate for the growing conditions. This has many benefits, including reducing erosion, cleaning the air, filtering and storing stormwater, and improving the visitor experience for the many tourists that visit our Islands every year.

Mahalo for considering our testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Zambo
President

Aloha Arborist Association is an organization of 79 individuals and companies who work in the tree care industry.

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Comments:

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