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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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SB 2296
RELATING TO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill which requires that membership of each metropolitan planning organization policy board include at least one member of the senate and one member of the house of representatives from that metropolitan planning area. Legislative representation will provide legislative guidance and perspective to policy decisions as the legislature provides the state match to many of the projects conducted by MPO's.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



February 22, 2018

TESTIMONY OF LAUREN ARMSTRONG
MAUI MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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Friday, February 23, 2018, 10:00 A.M.
Conference Room 221

SB2296 RELATING TO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS.

Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of SB2296 (with suggested amendments below), which requires that membership of each metropolitan planning organization policy board include at least one member of the senate and one member of the house of representatives from that metropolitan planning area.

The Maui MPO Policy Board has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as Executive Director.

As Executive Director of the Maui MPO, I support SB2296 to have representation from our State legislators on the MPO Policy Board. This will improve coordination between State and County as we seek solutions to transportation issues on the island of Maui.

To comply with federal requirements in Title 23 U.S.C. 134(d)(2) for appropriate state official representation on the MPO Policy Board, it is critical that Policy Board members are residents of the metropolitan planning area. FHWA advised Oahu MPO as such in a 2013 Review of MPO Laws as related to HRS 279E. Please maintain the requirement that MPO Policy Board members be residents of the metropolitan planning area of Maui.

I would like to request that the bill be amended to include language to allow for the appointment of a member as well as an alternate member (for Senate and House) to the Maui MPO Policy Board, as suggested in HB2175 HD1. This may improve our chances of getting quorum for Policy Board meetings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren Armstrong".

Lauren Armstrong
Executive Director, Maui MPO