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H.C.R. 97 REQUESTING THE FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE ON NORTH ROAD MANAGEMENT

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT), **supports** this resolution to establish a task force on the management of North Road that will recommend safety improvements.

With respect to the involvement in this matter, the DOT has no jurisdiction of North Road; therefore, the City and County of Honolulu would be the more appropriate entity to form a task force and make recommendations. However, the DOT would be happy to be a part of the group and provide recommendations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Augie Tulba	Honolulu City Council - District 9	Support	No

Comments:

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT: HCR 97

Submitted by Honolulu City Council Member Augie Tulba, District 9

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Aloha Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ilagan and members of the House Transportation Committee,

As the Honolulu City Council Member representing District 9, which includes North Road, I am writing to voice my support for HCR 97, REQUESTING THE FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE ON NORTH ROAD MANAGEMENT.

My staff and I recently joined community groups to help clean up North Road, and I can attest to the fact that illegal dumping, homeless encampments, abandoned cars, and maintenance issues, are plaguing the area.

The main thoroughfare is important to the community as it allows access to our parks, schools, stores, churches, and many other places of importance, but it has many safety issues.

Exacerbating the problem, three entities, one private and two public, own different parts of the road.

The Department of Transportation, City & County of Honolulu, Ewa Beach Golf Course, Carmel Partners, Iroquois Point, and Ewa Beach Neighborhood Board have requested that a task force be formed to review North Road management.

We support idea of the Department of Transportation organizing four task force meetings, after which the agency would report recommendations on safety

improvements and unified management of North Road to the Legislature.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Rogers	Transportation Chair Ewa NB #23	Support	No

Comments:

I support this especially important resolution. This is an issue of equity for the people of Ewa Beach. Creating a taskforce to determine solutions to the issues of ownership and who is responsible for maintaining the roadway is paramount to the safety and wellbeing of the people who must use the roadway daily for school, work, and play.