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S.C.R. 77 / S.R. 70 RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; HIGHWAYS DIVISION; MAUI COUNTY; INFRASTRUCTURE; LOAD CAPACITY

Senate Committee on Transportation

S.C.R. 77 / S.R. 77 requests the Department of Transportation (DOT) Highways Division to conduct a study on load capacity of roads in the portion of Maui County within the Seventh Senate District. The DOT respectively **opposes** the resolution for the following reasons.

The DOT has a data driven process, the Hawaii Pavement Management System (HPMS), that consolidates pavement condition information collected by annual lidar and rideability surveys, field observations, and analyses with respect to annual average daily traffic and truck loading to manage all State roads in alignment with federal standards. The DOT uses HPMS to prioritize pavement improvements within our federally required Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) that details our pavement management strategies, performance goals, prioritized routes and long-term expenditure forecasts. This comprehensive program is required by the federal agency that manages the funds Hawaii receives annually from the federal government and adjusting this process for one area of the state would either not meet federal requirements, be duplicative of existing programs, or be inconsistent with the management of the State system. Therefore, we believe this measure is unnecessary.

We add that, based on our HPMS and TAMP, all State roads in the Seventh Senate District are constructed to take the loads from existing and future traffic. We will continue to update our State programs to manage the State roads appropriately. The State does not have jurisdiction over county roads.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.