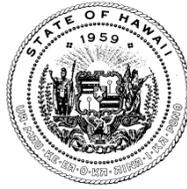


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HB1910
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) opposes House Bill No. 1910.

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to identify any roadways other than Makakilo Drive that may be used as emergency egress routes in Makakilo, and, if unable to identify such routes, to plan for, design, and construct an emergency egress route in Makakilo.

While the intent to ensure public safety and emergency preparedness is commendable, the bill raises concerns that warrant careful consideration. First, the bill's directive to plan, design, and construct an emergency egress route without clear criteria or prioritization could result in unnecessary duplication of efforts or misallocation of resources. The Department of Transportation and City and County of Honolulu executed a Memorandum of Understanding to identify the responsibilities, rights, privileges and immunities for entry, ingress and egress, and use of a path traversing through multiple properties, collectively referred to as the "Makakilo Emergency Access Route," during periods of emergencies in order to protect and preserve safety, health, and welfare of the public and to accommodate emergency evacuations for emergency events that impact the City and County of Honolulu. The Makakilo Emergency Access Route connects Pueonani Street to Kualakai Parkway.

The bill does not provide sufficient context regarding the urgency or specific risks associated with Makakilo's current emergency egress capabilities. Without a detailed risk assessment or emergency response analysis, it is difficult to determine whether the proposed measures are necessary or proportionate to the potential threat.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition of this bill.

Makakilo Drive Extension Project

Makakilo has only one entry/exit road...Makakilo Drive into Kapolei. The proposed Makakilo Drive Extension would provide a 2nd ingress and egress point from the top of Upper Makakilo to the H1 interchange at Kualaka'i Parkway...the road linking H1 (Exit 3) and Ka Makana Ali'i Mall which passes the University of Hawaii (West), the Kroc Center, and the new Hawaii Rail Transit (HART) base station. The length of this extension road would apparently be slightly less than 1 mile from the current top end of Makakilo Drive to the interchange at H1 Exit 3.

My primary concerns are the issues of safety and accessibility for not only my Makakilo Heights neighborhood, but the entire Makakilo community population of about 20,000. A single road in and out of Makakilo during emergencies, evacuations, or possible rescue efforts might impede our local Fire Station, medical, or other authorities. Additional benefits of extending Makakilo Drive include less congestion for commuters, an alternate route of travel, and actual savings in travel time plus decreased gasoline expense & consumption for Makakilo residents.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

House Bill 1910 and House Bill 1908 both should be passed.

The Emergency access route would be done quicker while we wait for the second access that we (those that call Makakilo home) have been promised for more than 45 years.

It should be noted that there is a gas station at the bottom of Makakilo Drive and if something were to ever happen there everyone in upper Makakilo would be trapped.

Please pass HB 1910 and HB 1908.

Mahalo,

Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)
Mauka Lani Alumni

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Frank Schultz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

With only one egress route in and out of Makakilo EMS is seriously hampered.
With an emergency egress route, lives can be saved.

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Comments:

Support.