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Submitted on: 3/27/2026 5:23:28 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/31/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John & Rita Shockley	Free Access Coalition	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha!

The Free Access Coalition strongly supports HR149. The urgency of the Makakilo Drive Extension Project has never been higher.

The 20,000+ residents of Makakilo are in need of a second way to reach the H-1 Freeway. Should there be any emergency, this will be critical.

The extension will also free up the congestion at the intersection of Makakilo Drive and Farrington Highway. It will also mitigate the morning and afternoon traffic rush egressing the H-1 freeway.

We urge you to support this resolution. Mahalo for your time and hopefully your kokua!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Palehua Townhouses Association	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Our association supports HCR159.

Mike Golojuch, Sr., President

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Submitted on: 3/27/2026 7:33:35 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
steven hyer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support these bills I was told in 2008 by the developer that a new road was planned for Makakilo I ended up buying another property in Makakilo heights and syill no concrete plans for a road please pass these bills before we have a incessant and not after the fact

Mahalo Steven Hyer

resident Makakilo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Walter Dillon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/27/2026 8:13:14 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
STEPHEN D FREDETTE	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Kila,

I am a resident of Makakilo/Kapolei/West Oahu and I urge you to docket HCR 159 and HR 149 (Urging the City and County of Honolulu to take necessary steps to finalize, prioritize, and materialize the Makakilo Drive Extension Project) so the public can submit testimony and be heard. Traffic congestion and the need for better emergency access in our area continue to worsen with population growth. I am a Makakilo resident and have not been able to go down the street due to a water main break or a Tsunami watch when everyone takes higher ground. Proper community notification and broad public participation are essential on this important issue. Thank you for ensuring community voices are included.

Sincerely

Stephen D. Fredette 92-7147 Elele St. Unit 1204 Kapolei, HI 96707 firedog600@aol.com, 720-234-2355

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Submitted on: 3/27/2026 9:05:04 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nancy Valdez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members,

Aloha! I'm Nancy Valdez and I strongly support HR149 urging the City and County of Honolulu to take immediate and decisive action to finalize, prioritize, and complete the Makakilo Drive Extension Project.

For years, families in Makakilo, Kapolei, and surrounding West O‘ahu communities have faced daily traffic congestion that affects their quality of life, safety, and economic stability. What should be a simple commute often turns into long, stressful delays, taking time away from our families and adding unnecessary burden to working residents.

This project has already been studied, and findings have shown no significant environmental harm. Yet despite ongoing community advocacy and clear need, progress has stalled. Our communities deserve action, not continued delays.

Improving connectivity in West O‘ahu is not just about convenience, it is about safety, emergency access, and supporting the continued growth of our region in a responsible way.

I respectfully urge you to move this project forward with a clear timeline, accountability, and commitment to completion.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HR149.

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Submitted on: 3/27/2026 10:07:57 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Trombley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kila, Vice Chair and Committee members:

I am a resident of Kapolei and I urge you to support HCR159 and HR149 (“Urging the City and County of Honolulu to take necessary steps to finalize, prioritize, and materialize the Makakilo Drive Extension Project”).

Traffic congestion and the need for better access in our area continue to worsen with population growth. After the tragedy of the Lahaina fires, it is imperative that each community has more than one road for exiting the area in case of an emergency. A second roadway into and out of Makakilo is long overdue. The safety of our community matters.

I support HCR 159 and HR 149. Please support this important legislation. Don't wait.

Mahalo for ensuring safety for our community .

Sincerely,

Susan M. Trombley

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Submitted on: 3/28/2026 7:52:02 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/31/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Support

159 HCR URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO FINALIZE, PRIORITIZE, AND MATERIALIZE THE MAKAKILO DRIVE EXTENSION PROJECT.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter Mallett	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To fail in passing this bill is to fail providing a lifeline for those of us who would benefit from anything in a time where more and more 'elected' people are ignoring the folks that called upon them.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerald Eubank	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support the Makakilo extention to help alleviate traffic flow on Makakilo drive, especially in the monrings. The extention would provide a hugh QOL for residents in this area.

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Submitted on: 3/29/2026 3:16:21 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Abraham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kila, Vice-Chair Miyake, and Members of the Committee,

My name is David Abraham and I am a 30 year resident of of Kīhei, Maui. However, I was born and raised on the Wai‘anae Coast, Nānākuli Hawaiian Homestead to be exact. My family and I have seen growth in West O‘ahu over the many years. I am writing to strongly SUPPORT HR 149.

HR149 (and its companion SR159) urges the City and County of Honolulu to prioritize, finalize, and build the long-overdue Makakilo Drive Extension. R

This critical project would provide a second access route, ease severe traffic congestion, and improve safety for our growing community. In the years to come ***I believe this will benefit the West O‘ahu community and the island as a whole.***

I urge this committee to pass HR 149.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,
David Abraham
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Submitted on: 3/29/2026 5:25:05 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tim Waite	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In Support of H.R. 149

Urging the City and County of Honolulu to Finalize, Prioritize, and Materialize the Makakilo Drive Extension Project

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Tim Waite, and I am a resident of Makakilo on the island of Oahu. I am writing in strong support of H.R. 149.

As a homeowner and community member in Makakilo, I am increasingly concerned about the safety and resilience of our neighborhood. Our community relies on essentially one primary road for ingress and egress. This creates a significant public safety risk that has been known for years but remains unresolved.

With the growing frequency of extreme weather events, including heavy rains, flooding, and the increased risk of wildfires due to vegetation growth following these rains, the lack of a secondary access route is no longer just an inconvenience—it is a serious hazard. In an emergency situation requiring evacuation, a single access road could quickly become congested or impassable, putting residents at risk.

We have seen in other communities—both in Hawai‘i and elsewhere—how quickly conditions can deteriorate when evacuation routes are limited. Makakilo should not have to wait for a tragedy before meaningful action is taken.

The Makakilo Drive Extension Project has been discussed and delayed for many years, often citing lack of funding. While funding challenges are real, public safety infrastructure must be prioritized accordingly. The cost of inaction—measured in potential loss of life and property—is far greater. We have only to look back at the recent tsunami warning, when many residents of Oahu flocked to Makakilo to get out of the flood plain. It was extremely congested and dangerous at that time.

This project is not about convenience; it is about emergency preparedness, redundancy, and protecting the residents who call Makakilo home.

I respectfully urge the City and County of Honolulu to move beyond planning and take concrete steps to advance this long-overdue project. Finalizing, prioritizing, and materializing the Makakilo Drive Extension is critical to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

Respectfully,
Tim Waite
Makakilo, Oahu

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark Barnes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I live in Makakilo and am a senior citizen. There are many advantages to the Kapolei/Makakilo region that would flow from the long proposed Makakilo Drive Extension but none greater than the life-saving route that the MDE would provide for the many thousands of citizens of the upper parts of Makakilo that otherwise would likely find no available way to flee should a fast advancing wildfire destroy our community. (The recent tsunami threat already proved this). Makakilo is designated as being high risk for wildfires. For relatively low cost due to short road length and work already done, another Lahaina tragedy might be avoided by building the MDE. Please find it in your hearts to provide for this community now, while there is still time. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sheila Medeiros	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Testimony in Strong Support of HR149
Makakilo Drive Extension Project
House of Representatives, State of Hawaii
Regular Session of 2026

Aloha Chair and members of the Committee,

My name is Sheila Medeiros, and I am a longtime resident of Kapolei / Makakilo, Hawaii.

I strongly support HR149, which urges the City and County of Honolulu to finally take the necessary steps to finalize, prioritize, and materialize the long-overdue Makakilo Drive Extension Project.

For years, explosive population growth in Makakilo and greater Kapolei has created severe traffic congestion on Makakilo Drive and Farrington Highway. Residents face daily gridlock, longer commute times, and limited emergency access; issues that have persisted despite repeated community advocacy and prior planning efforts.

A 2009 environmental impact statement already determined that the proposed extension would not cause significant adverse impacts to native flora, land use, cultural resources, or public services. Yet, despite over a decade of requests from Makakilo families, no meaningful progress has been made.

This project is essential for improving regional connectivity, easing congestion, enhancing safety, and supporting the future of West Oahu. I urge the City and County of Honolulu, including the Department of Transportation Services, to establish a clear timeline for planning, funding, design, and construction; and to report back to the Legislature as requested.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. Please pass HR149 and help turn years of talk into action for our community.

Sincerely,
Sheila Medeiros
Kapolei / Makakilo Resident

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Submitted on: 3/29/2026 6:25:12 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melinda Ferreira	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have lived in Makakilo for 16 years, and during that time I have been waiting for the completion of Makakilo Drive as promised in long-standing plans, including the Kapolei master plan from 1999. Today, this roadway serves more than 20,000 residents, yet it remains incomplete, creating a serious public safety concern. In the event of a wildfire or other emergency, many families would have no safe or timely way to evacuate, putting lives at risk. Recent tragedies have shown how devastating limited evacuation routes can be, and our community cannot afford to face a similar situation. I strongly support HR 149 because it addresses this urgent infrastructure gap and prioritizes the safety and well-being of Makakilo residents. This project has been delayed for far too long, and I respectfully urge you to pass this bill without further postponement.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jowell Rivera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of HR149. This is long overdue. With the growth of Makakilo, it is foolish to delay this any longer.

This would help in traffic management in and out of Makakilo to include traffic on H-1.

Are we waiting for another Lahaina if a large fire breaks out in Makakilo that destroys lives and property without a second exit out of Makakilo or an entrance for emergency services? This would be complete NEGLIGENCE on the part of government once again.

Have the vision and leadership to do the right thing and expedite this ASAP.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frank Genadio	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Kila, Vice Chair Miyake, and Honorable Members of the Committee on Transportation:

I am sure that all of you are familiar with the particulars concerning the completion of Makakilo Drive to the H-1 Kualakai Parkway Interchange. Perhaps you also have seen the project’s “visibility” increased in the media, such as the recent interview on KITV. At one point, the reporter mentions that the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) claims there is no federal funding for the project. DTS Director Morton referred once to a “Catch 22” situation, where the project has to be on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to acquire federal funding, but that funding is limited to qualified projects. The following statement from the Web obviously qualifies the Drive for funding:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provides federal funds for roads that offer a second access and enhance congestion management, particularly when these projects are designed to improve safety, reduce traffic emissions, or enhance the efficiency of the existing network. Such projects are generally eligible for federal funding under several programs within the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), particularly when they serve Federal-aid eligible routes or address significant congestion in urbanized areas.

FHWA funding typically covers **80% to 90%** of local road safety and congestion management projects, requiring a 10% to 20% local match. However, specific safety improvements can be funded at **100% federal share** under certain conditions, such as those authorized by 23 U.S.C. 120(c)(1), which allows for full funding of safety projects.

The Drive would be both a second access for safety and a major enhancement to congestion management. FYI, the IIJA was signed to allocate \$1.2 TRILLION; there ought to be money available for Makakilo. Please move House Resolution 149 forward as the first step in getting the Makakilo Drive project back in the TIP, leading to its successful completion in the near-term. Mahalo and Aloha.

Frank Genadio

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alice Abellanida	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 11:38:18 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Angela Olivas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Kila,

3/30/26

I am a resident of Makakilo West Oahu and urge you to docket HCR 159 and HR 149 ("Urging the City and County of Honolulu to take necessary steps to finalize the Makakilo Drive Extension Project ") so the public can submit testimony and be heard.

Traffic congestion and the need for better emergency access in our area continues to worsen with population growth.

I am a homemaker and have lived in Makakilo since the mid 80's and my husband since the mid 60's.

Proper community notification and broad public participation are essential on this important issue.

Thank you for ensuring community voices are included.

Mahalo,

Angela Olivas

Makakilo resident

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Dettloff	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a resident of Makakilo I support HR 149 in order to reduce traffic congestion on Makakilo drive as well as providing an emergency escape route.