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The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
The Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair  
and Members of the House Committee on Transportation  
House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: **House Bill 859, Relating to Complete Streets**

Dear Chair Yamane and Committee Members:

I offer my testimony in general support of this measure but would like to also raise a few comments and concerns. The Honolulu City Council recently enacted Ordinance 12-15 which implements the provision of Section 264-20.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (Act 54 SLH 2009), and establishes a Complete Streets policy for the City and County of Honolulu. Likewise, establishing a Complete Streets policy will be a useful tool for the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) to help address future planning, development, and transportation issues.

It is important, however, that HCDA and the city work together to align their Complete Streets principles and coordinate their Complete Streets projects. As street design and construction within HCDA's boundaries must connect to and interface with county designed and constructed streets, coordination is essential. This is particularly relevant if the authority's decision on a Complete Streets project is final and binding on the city, and that the city "shall, without qualifications, accept dedication thereof." I would have serious concerns if the authority's decision results in the county having to accept dedication of a street that is inconsistent with our county plans and/or our Complete Streets standards.

I ask this Committee to amend the provisions of this bill to retain the county's current jurisdiction regarding the permitting and dedication of project improvements.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to testify. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 768-5008.

Very truly yours,

Breene Harimoto  
Chair, Committee on Transportation  
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