



KAILUA URBAN DESIGN TASK FORCE

The purpose of the Task Force is to create, assist, coordinate, and implement urban design strategies for Kailua's Central Business District.

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Date: 02 March 2016
Subject: City Council Bill 8

Honorary Council Members:

The Kailua Urban Design Task Force opposes the subject City Council Bill 8. However, we do support the intent of making for a better public process in the implementation of Complete Streets.

Established in 1994, we are a 501(c) that advocates quality urban design in Kailua Town's Central Business District. Throughout many cities and towns across the United States, Complete Streets are becoming a mainstay of re-energizing safe streets for all.

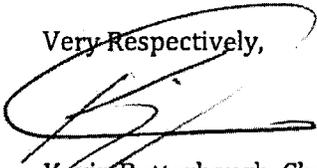
Honolulu's Complete Streets Ordinance (Bill 26) enables the city to identify opportunities to accommodate all users of the road and maximize transportation dollars within existing projects by embedding awareness into the planning and design process for all projects. It requires that the four city departments—DTS, DDC, DFM, DPP—that work with the county's roadways use an interdepartmental checklist to assess opportunities to improve travel for all users of the road in conjunction with new development, reconstruction, and maintenance projects.

Bill 8 would require that the Council approve every individual Complete Streets project—from sidewalks to curb ramps. This would separate out transportation features for non-drivers from the rest of a project and treat them as stand-alone projects requiring special scrutiny, holding them to a different public input process than other transportation projects and impede needed improvements.

The Kailua Urban Design Task Force has joined the Complete Streets Coalition in expressing our concerns about Bill 8. We appreciate our Coalition partners that have begun constructive conversations with the Council and look forward to continuing dialog with Council to better our Complete Streets policy.

We ask that the City Council vote to deny passage of Bill 8.

Very Respectively,



Kevin Butterbaugh, Chair
Kailua Urban Design Task Force

cc: KUDTF Board of Directors
Complete Streets Coalition