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PRESS RELEASE

Representative Thielen Questioned House Bill For Purposed Traffic Radio Station

Honolulu –Representative Cynthia Thielen voiced her opposition to House Bill 1972, which requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to establish and operate a county-wide highway traffic advisory radio system to advise motorists of updated current traffic conditions in any county having a population of greater than 300,000.

Representative Thielen voted no on the chamber floor and stated, “Why do we need to use taxpayer’s money to operate a new radio station when Perry and Price on KSSK do such an excellent job?” ” They have traffic reports every ten minutes,” said Representative Thielen. The Perry and Price morning show has maintained its position as the top-rated “morning-drive show” since 1983.

House Bill 1972 passed its Second Reading and has been referred to the committee(s) on Finance (FIN) with Representative(s) Thielen voting no (1) and Representative(s) Herkes, Manahan, Nakasone, M. Oshiro, Pine, Takumi excused (6). To oppose House Bill 1972 send your testimony to Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair of FIN at reposhiro@capitol.hawaii.gov or to Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair of FIN at replee@capitol.hawaii.gov.