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**From:** Earl, Clyde  
**To:** Hamayasu, Toru  
**Sent:** 3/9/2005 11:30:51 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Passage of HB1309

Toru, this is what was forwarded to me from Roger Morton.

Clyde

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**From:** Roger Morton [mailto:rmorton@thebus.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 4:34 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Passage of HB1309

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**From:** Rep. Marilyn Lee [mailto:replee@Capitol.hawaii.gov]  
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**Subject:** Re: Passage of HB1309

Aloha all,

If you haven't heard already, HB1309 passed the full House about an hour ago. There were 7 no votes, six R's and 1 D (Josh Green). There was a precious moment on the bill following where Colleen Meyer (a Republican for those of you who don't follow the Leg all the time) made a statement making all of Cliff Slater's arguments. Galen Fox (the Republican leader) stood up and said something like, "This information is outdated and irrelevant," and went on to note that despite Honolulu's relatively small population, it is the sixth most densely populated city in the nation and that the five more densely populated all have rail. Then he discredited her statistics on ridership saying they were from the 80's and that in the 90's ridership had been growing quickly. He then attacked Slater's HOT lanes idea by saying that it would just create a big mess at the end of the route and lambasted Meyer for criticizing rail when she lived a few feet from the end of a grossly underused 4-lane freeway. Marcus Oshiro (the Democratic majority leader), got up and asked that the words of the minority leader be recorded in the journal as my own. That doesn't happen often around here.

In any case, our hard work is paying off. Of course, the war's not over, but this was a big win today.

Sincerely, Karl Rhoads