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# TH-3 Foes Set Protest at Capitol

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Opponents of the proposed TH-3 freeway will hold a public demonstration from 3 to 6 p.m. tomorrow at the State Capitol.

The purposes of the demonstration are to express sentiment against the freeway, gain the Legislature's attention and educate the public about the effects of the highway, said Doug Young, a spokesman for the Stop TH-3 coalition.

"In the past, opponents of the freeway have focused on the destruction of Moanalua Valley, Young said.

"BUT THE public is now becoming aware of the real effect of the road — the destruction of the Windward side as we now know it.

"The purpose of this road is to open up Windward Oahu to increased urbanization and population.

"Just as the Pali and Likelike allowed the massive development of Kailua and Kaneohe, this third road would create similar developments in the rural areas from Kahaluu to Kahuku."

The Stop TH-3 coalition is made up of environmentalists, various Hawaiian groups and residents.

Young said, "The demonstration will feature various citizens who will speak out in opposition and analyze the issues involved in this corporate scheme to urbanize rural Oahu.

"Farmers, workers, students, teachers and community leaders will present personal testimony describing how the freeway will ruin the Island."

# Opposing Views Aired on TH-3

A State senator and a University of Hawaii instructor argued the merits of the TH-3 freeway yesterday on the KGMB-TV program "Cross-Fire."

Sen. Dennis O'Connor, chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, said the controversial highway will not force development of Windward Oahu as opponents contend.

"The people living in that area desperately need transportation changes to better their way of life," he said.

HE SAID development could occur only if the City Council approved rezoning of agricultural land.

Pete Thompson, University ethnic studies instructor and spokesman for People, Land and the Sea to Stop TH-3, said O'Connor's statement was "theoretically true."

But, in real, practical politics the Council hasn't stopped such development in the past, and won't in the future."

Thompson said his group will continue to fight the project even if work is resumed soon.

Thompson charged that O'Connor's law firm has vested interests in the highway.

O'CONNOR disputed that, saying that one client, HC&D, "has no contract involving the highway . . . You're calling names to no good purpose."

O'Connor pointed out that the TH-3 freeway could not be built through other corridors, such as Manoa Valley, because of engineering problems and because "the people in those areas would scream worse than Pete."

Thompson and O'Connor were questioned by Cecil Hestel, KGMB president and general manager, and Doug Carlson of the news staff.

"Cross-Fire" is a joint production of KGMB and the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

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