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Comment

The Hawaii Railway Society is a dedicated group of preservationists, who for years have toiled to preserve the history of rail transportation in the Aloha State. The proposal to bisect their base of operation by building a highway through it is unfortunate and illadvised at best. The Oahu Railway and Land Company, the various cane railroads, and Honolulu's streetcar system all helped build the Oahu of today. Railroads on other islands all greatly contributed to the Hawaiian economy in the days before decent roads and automobiles. The Hawaiian Railway Society is the very last common carrier railroad remnant operating in the state. It is an incredible historic resource that should be expanded, encouraged and promoted. Destroying their equipment and switching yard for drivers's convenience is counterproductive, and could easily destroy that resource. There are plenty of other places a new road could cross the railroad tracks. Destroying the rail yard could easily destroy years of efforts to preserve all of Hawaii's important rail heritage. Please don't allow special interests or short-sightedness to let this happen!