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March 15, 2024  
3:02 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 225 & Videoconference

**H.B. 2295, H.D. 1  
RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE**

Senate Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and Public Safety and  
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

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The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports** H.B. 2295, H.D. 1, which specifies that the counties may issue traffic infractions for violations of any law prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles on all highways and county property. H.B. 2295, H.D. 1 also authorizes stopping, standing and parking restrictions and prohibitions on property under the jurisdiction of the Director of Transportation and the counties.

H.B. 2295, H.D. 1 ensures that counties are able to issue traffic infractions where vehicles stopping, standing or parking are creating an unsafe environment on roadways and properties under HDOT or county jurisdiction.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.**  
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TO: Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair  
Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Senator Chris Lee, Chair  
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair  
Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

FROM: Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor  
Marc Takamori, Director of Transportation

DATE: March 13, 2024

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB2295, HD1, RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The Act specifies that the counties may issue traffic infractions for violations of any law prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on all highways and county property. Authorizes stopping, standing, and parking restrictions and prohibitions on property under jurisdiction of the Director of Transportation and the counties, respectively.

We **SUPPORT** this measure for the following reasons:

1. This bill allows the counties to issue traffic infractions for violations relating to stopping, standing, or parking vehicles on all highways and county property.
2. This bill allows designees of the Chief of Police to issue citations for violations of traffic Laws that do not mandate the physical arrest of violators, allowing more enforcement of our county and state traffic laws.
3. This bill will therefore allow the counties to better manage parking on County and State roadways.

For the foregoing reasons, we **SUPPORT** this measure.

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March 14, 2024

TO: The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair, and  
Members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

The Honorable Glenn Wakai Chair, and  
Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and  
Military Affairs

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 15, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2295,  
HD1, RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE**

I **support** this measure to allow counties to issue traffic infractions for violations of laws prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on highways and county property.

I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Allowing counties greater authority under the Statewide Traffic Code will support public safety.
2. In Maui County, there are sections of County roads where visitors stop, pull over, or park on narrow, winding roads, creating hazardous conditions for themselves, other drivers, pedestrians, and emergency services.
3. Giving counties greater authority, by allowing Police Chief designees to issue traffic infractions in these situations, will help counties to address this problem, leading to increased parking management and enforcement, and offering greater deterrence.

Thank you for your consideration.



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SENATE COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORTATION & CULTURE & THE ARTS AND PUBLIC  
SAFETY & INTERGOVERNMENTAL & MILITARY AFFAIRS  
Friday, March 15, 2024 — 3:02 a.m.

**Ulupono Initiative supports HB 2295 HD1, Relating to the Traffic Code**

Dear Chair Lee, Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food, renewable energy and clean transportation choices, and better management of freshwater resources.

**Ulupono supports HB 2295 HD1**, which authorizes stopping, standing, and parking restrictions and prohibitions on property under jurisdiction of the Director of Transportation and the counties, respectively. This bill also specifies that the counties may issue traffic infractions for violation of any law prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on all highways and county property.

Successful management of parking can help improve our communities in a multitude of ways. This bill allows a designee to issue citations for traffic violations, thereby bolstering the enforcement of county and state traffic laws while increasing public safety and reducing congestion due to vehicular traffic. Implementation of this measure will also align Hawai'i with other states across the country.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata  
Director of Government Affairs

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