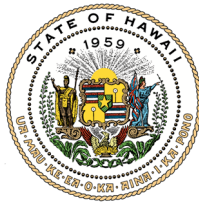


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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 228, HOUSE DRAFT 1, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES  
Before the Senate Committee on  
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION  
JUDICIARY

Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 9:30 AM  
State Capitol Conference Room 016 & Videoconference  
**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

Chairs Keohokalole, Rhoads, Vice Chairs Fukunaga, Gabbard, and members of the Committees:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) supports House Bill 228, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1. This bill prohibits the use of license plate flipping devices and establishes minimum and maximum fines for violations. The bill would become effective on July 1, 3000.

License plate flipping devices are mechanisms that allow drivers to switch, conceal, or alter their vehicle's license plates while driving. These devices serve no legitimate purpose and are primarily used to evade law enforcement, avoid tolls, circumvent traffic cameras, and facilitate criminal activities. By prohibiting these devices, this legislation addresses a growing concern for law enforcement and enhances our ability to properly identify vehicles involved in criminal activities.

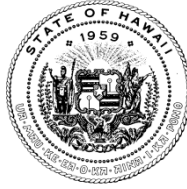
The establishment of minimum and maximum fines creates an appropriate deterrent for

those who might consider using such devices to evade identification. This measure will assist the DLE and other law enforcement agencies in maintaining accurate vehicle identification, which is crucial for public safety and the enforcement of traffic laws.

The DLE believes this legislation is necessary to close a loophole that allows individuals to evade proper vehicle identification and accountability. License plate visibility and integrity are essential components of our traffic safety system and criminal investigations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

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The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports** H.B. 228, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, which authorizes the counties to adopt rules for the use of electronic license plates. Prohibits the use of license plate flipping devices and intentionally obscuring a license plate with a cover or shield and establishes fines.

The HDOT supports this measure to prohibit the use of license plate flipping devices and license plate covers as these will impact the automated enforcement program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**HB-228-SD-1**

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Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

I support this initiative.